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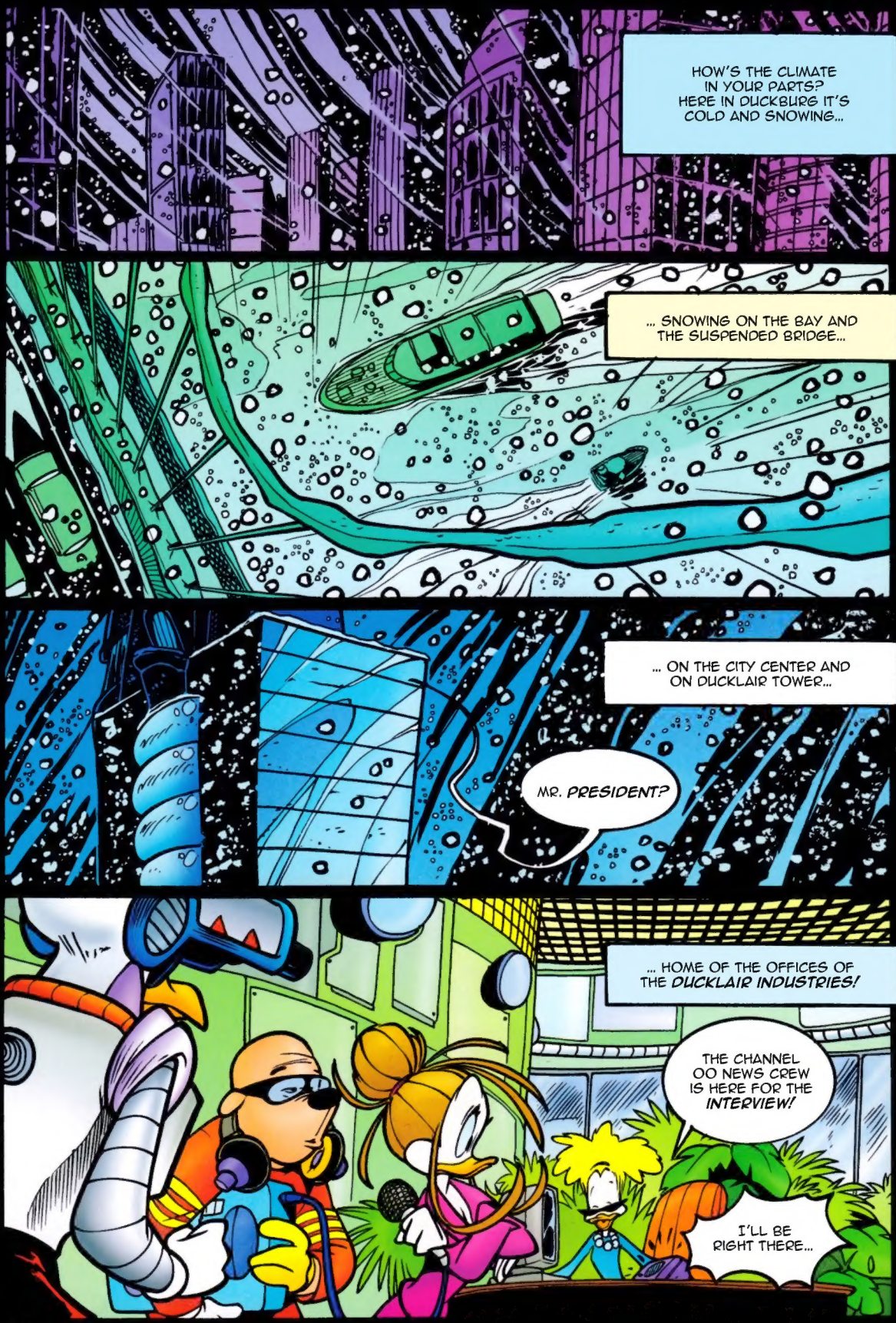
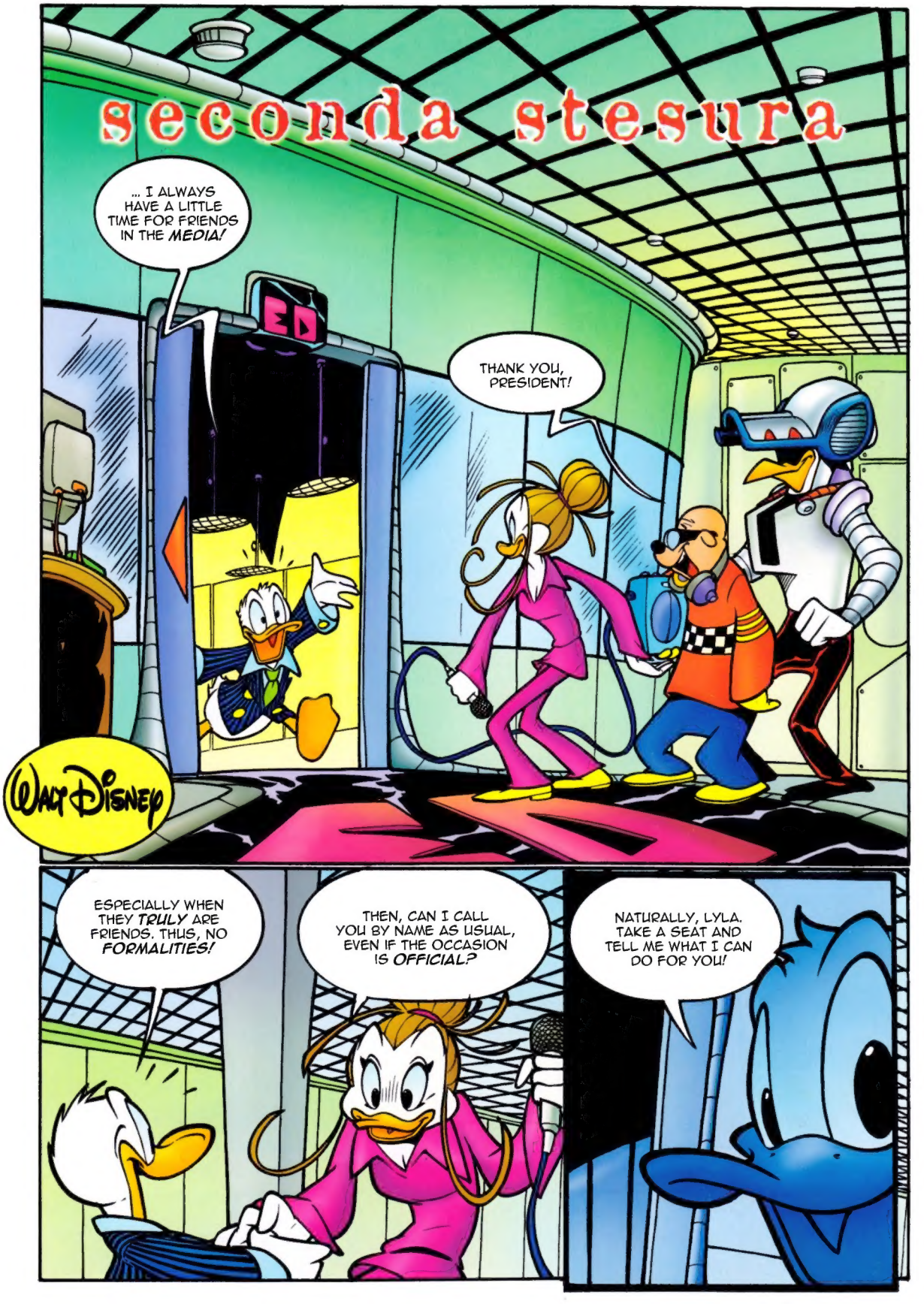

HOW'S THE CLIMATE IN YOUR PARTS? HERE IN DUCKBURG IT'S COLD AND SNOWING...
... SNOWING ON THE BAY AND THE SUSPENDED BRIDGE...
... ON THE CITY CENTER AND ON DUCKLAIR TOWER...
MR. PRESIDENT?
... HOME OF THE OFFICES OF THE DUCKLAIR INDUSTRIES!
THE CHANNEL OO NEWS CREW IS HERE FOR THE INTERVIEW!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE...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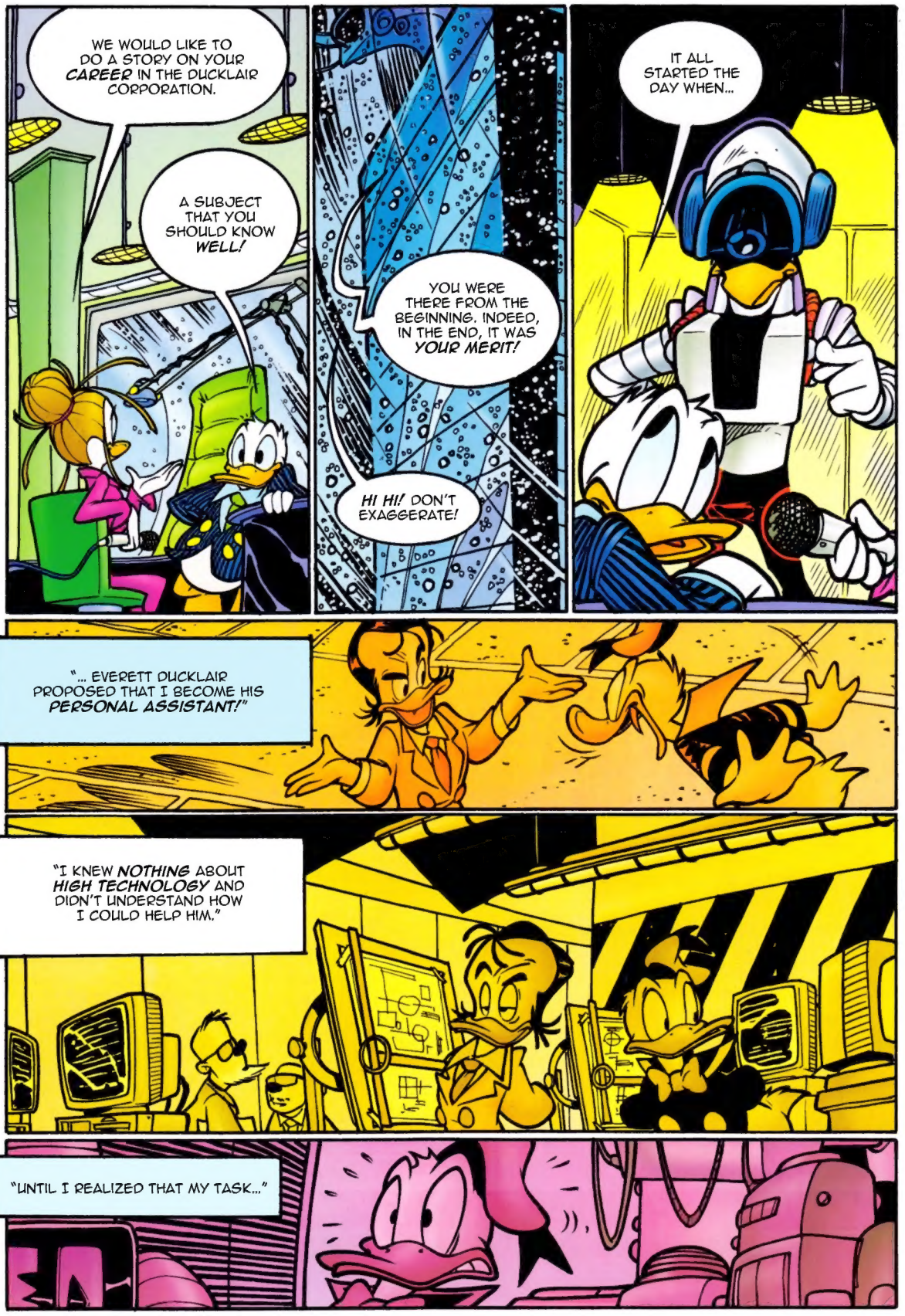
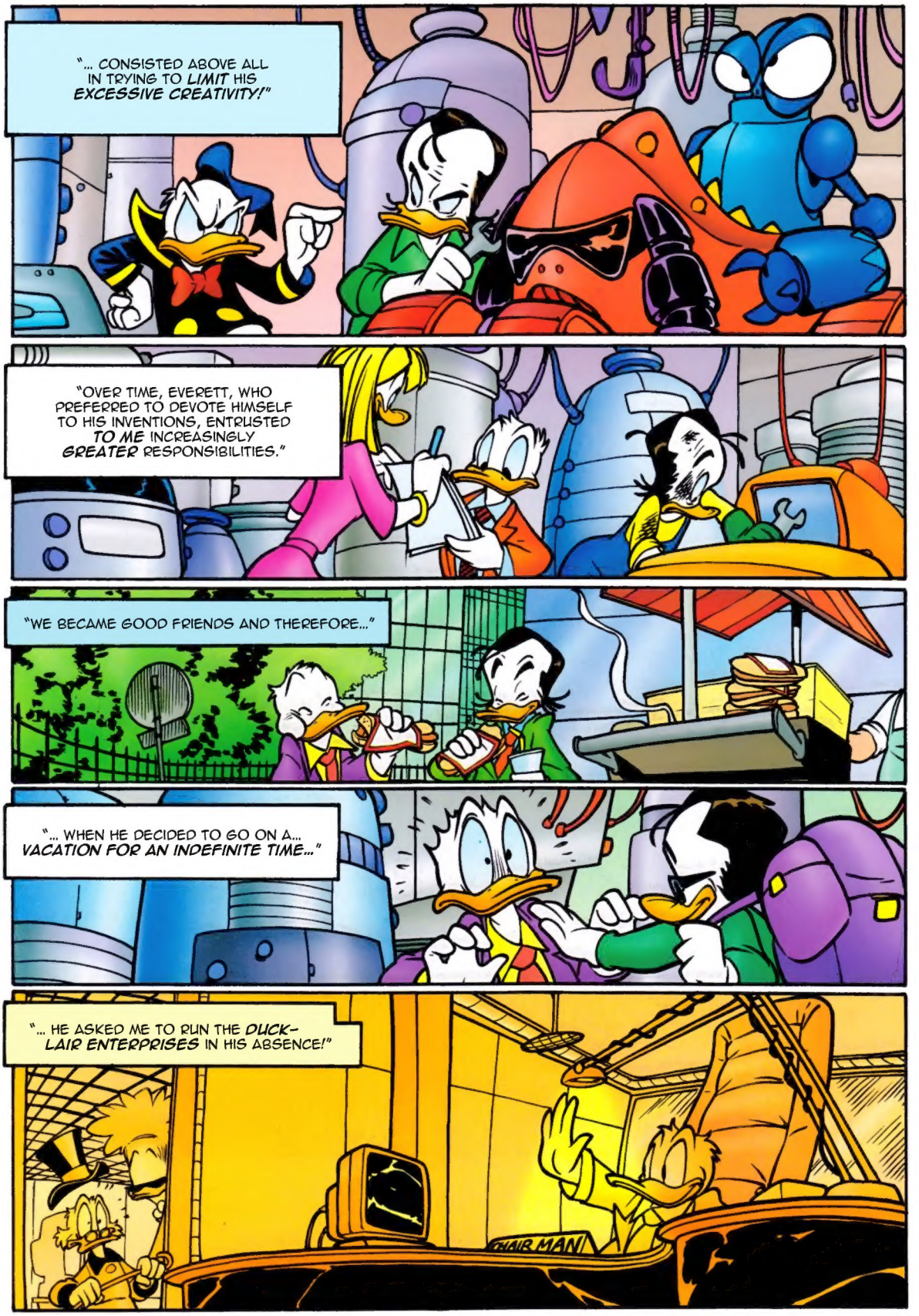
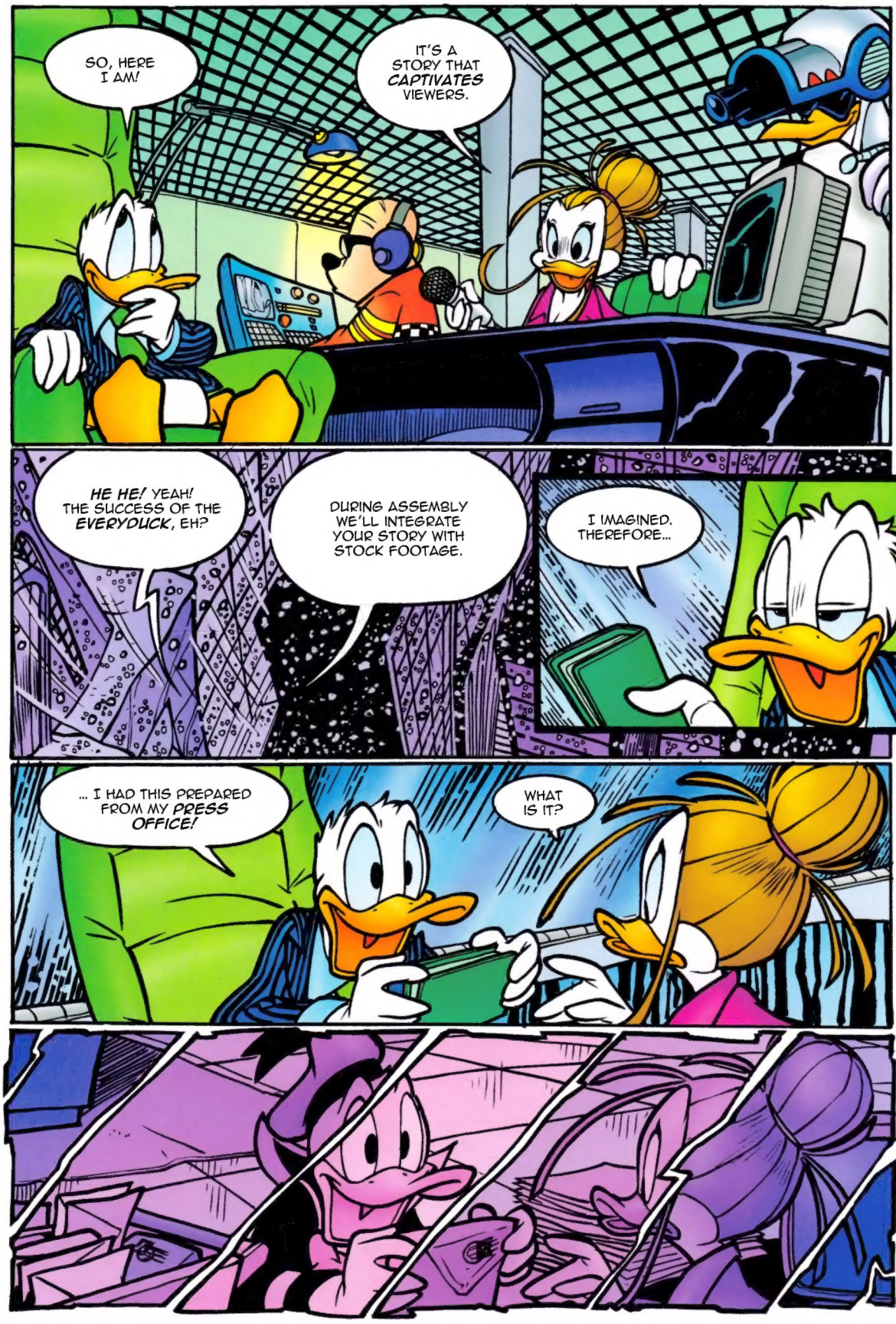
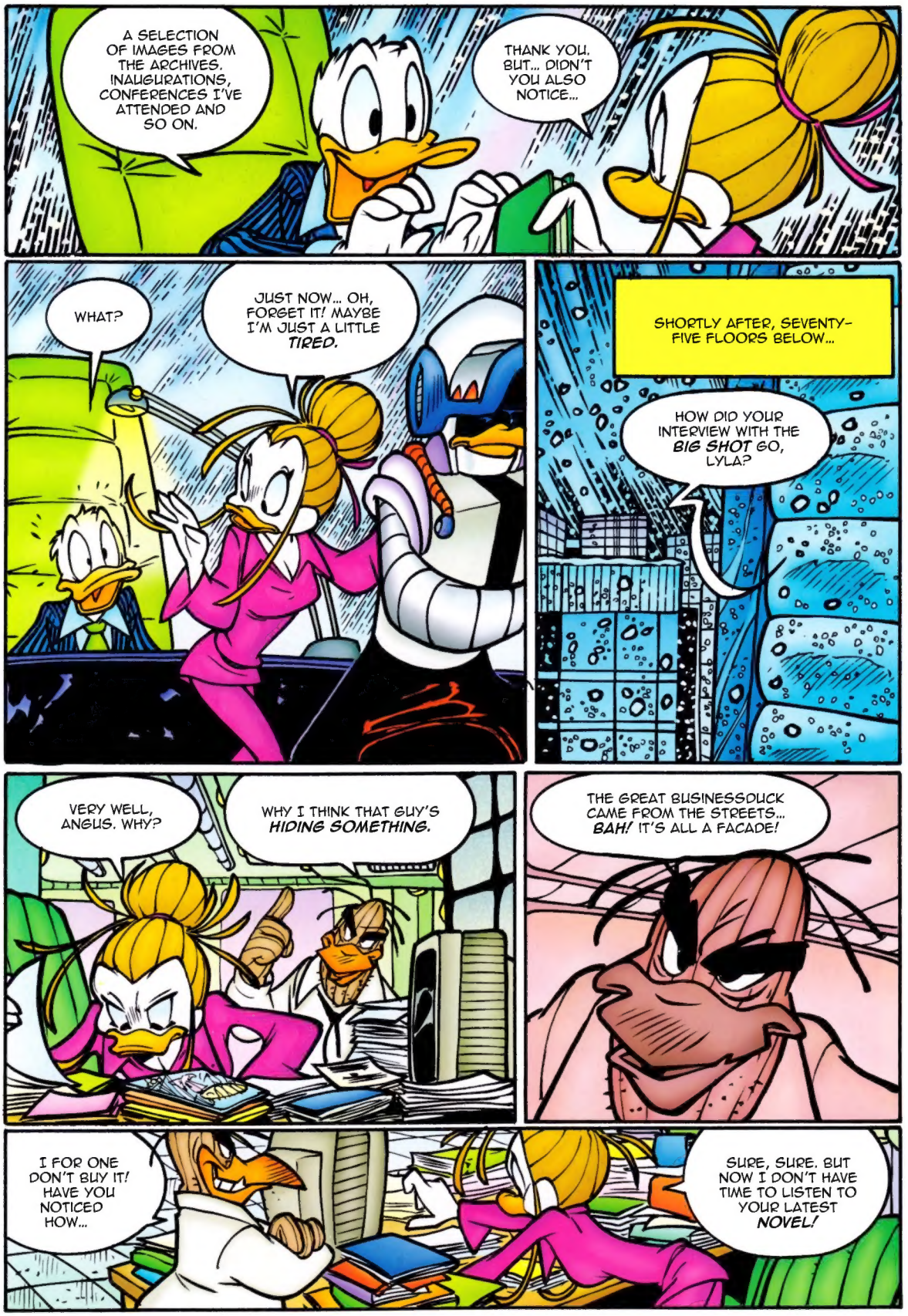
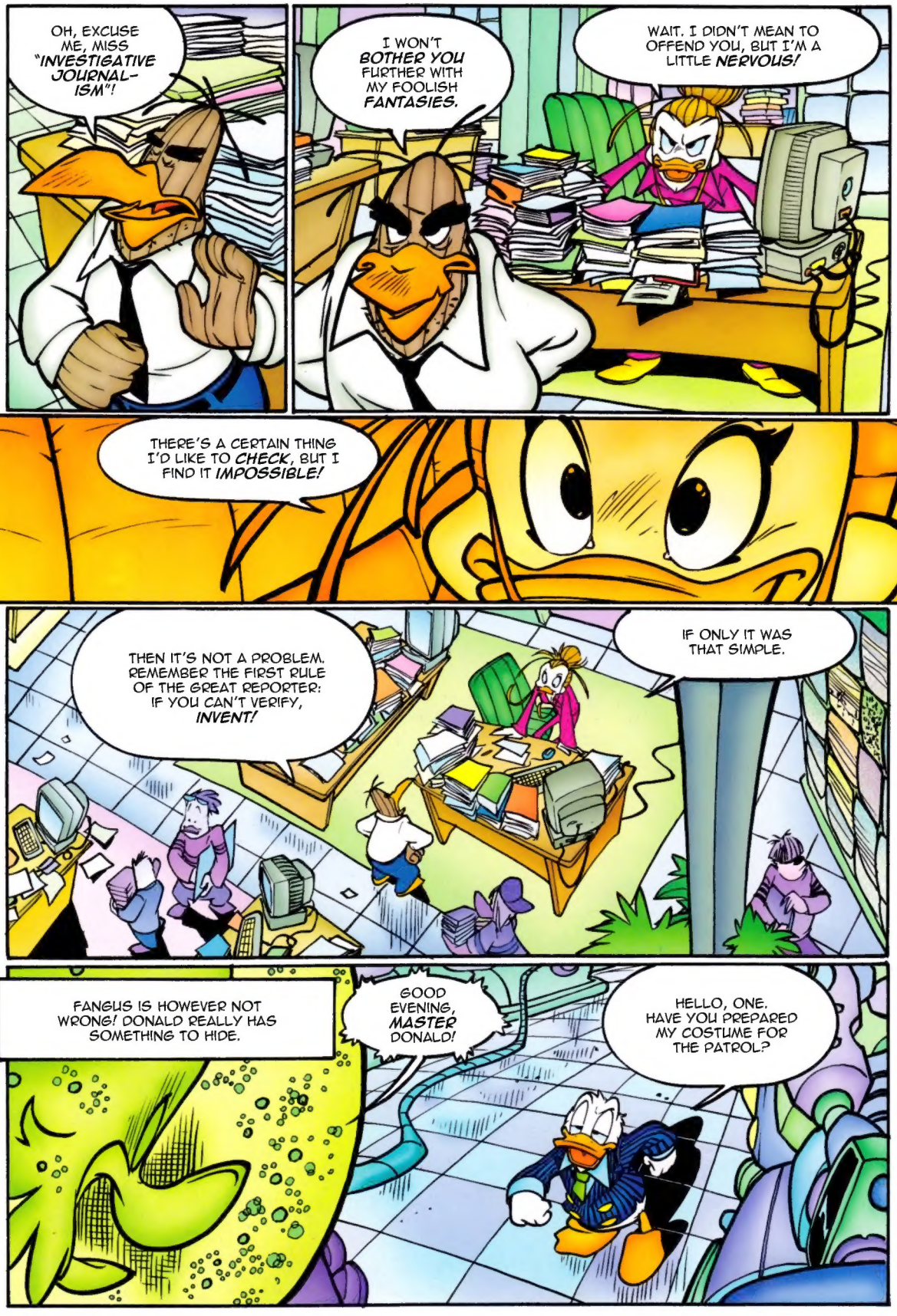
... I ALWAYS HAVE A LITTLE TIME FOR FRIENDS IN THE MEDIA!
ED
THANK YOU, PRESIDENT!
Walt Disney
ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TRULY ARE FRIENDS. THUS, NO FORMALITIES!
THEN, CAN I CALL YOU BY NAME AS USUAL, EVEN IF THE OCCASION IS OFFICIAL?
NATURALLY, LYLA. TAKE A SEAT AND TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO FOR YOU!

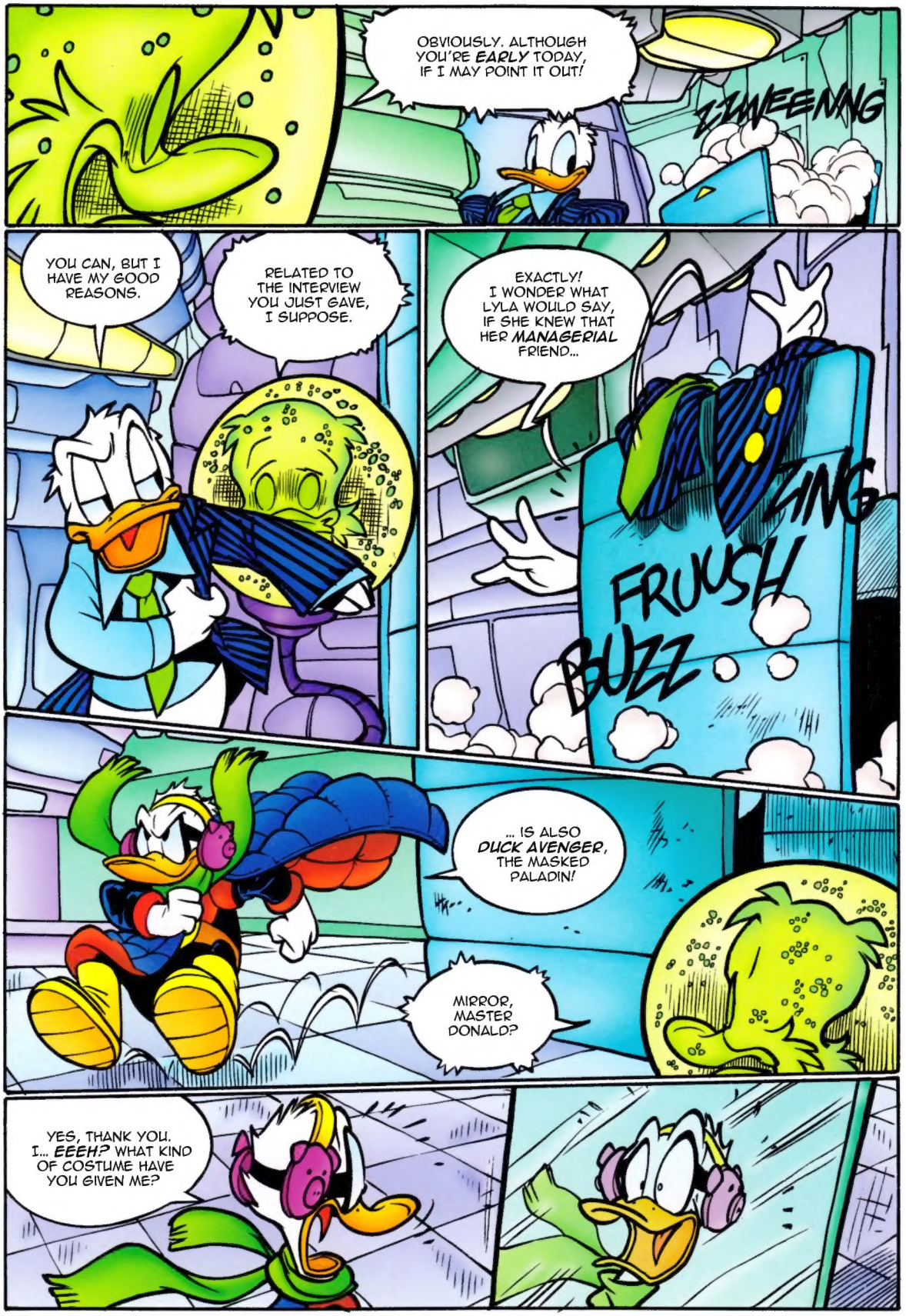

WE WOULD LIKE TO DO A STORY ON YOUR CAREER IN THE DUCKLAIR CORPORATION.
A SUBJECT THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW WELL!
YOU WERE THERE FROM THE BEGINNING. INDEED, IN THE END, IT WAS YOUR MERIT!
HI HI! DON'T EXAGGERATE!
IT ALL STARTED THE DAY WHEN...
"... EVERETT DUCKLAIR PROPOSED THAT I BECOME HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT!"
"I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW I COULD HELP HIM."
"UNTIL I REALIZED THAT MY TASK..."

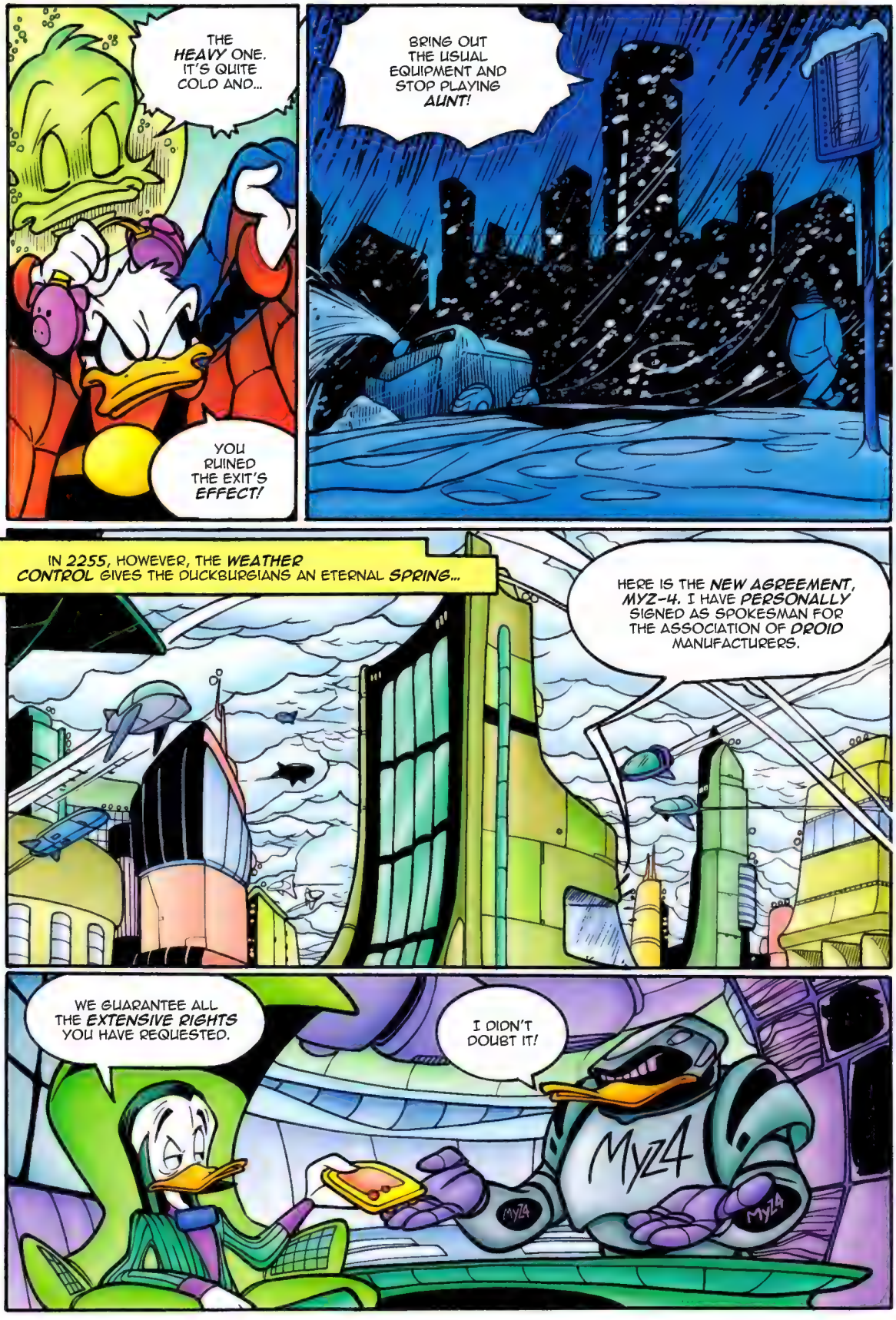

"... CONSISTED ABOVE ALL IN TRYING TO *LIMIT* HIS *EXCESSIVE CREATIVITY!*"
"OVER TIME, EVERETT, WHO PREFERRED TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO HIS INVENTIONS, ENTRUSTED *TO ME* INCREASINGLY *GREATER* RESPONSIBILITIES."
"WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS AND THEREFORE..."
"... WHEN HE DECIDED TO GO ON A... *VACATION FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME...*"
"... HE ASKED ME TO RUN THE *DUCK-LAIR ENTERPRISES* IN HIS ABSENCE!"
CHAIR MAN


SO, HERE I AM!
IT'S A STORY THAT CAPTIVATES VIEWERS.
HE HE! YEAH! THE SUCCESS OF THE EVERYDUCK, EH?
DURING ASSEMBLY WE'LL INTEGRATE YOUR STORY WITH STOCK FOOTAGE.
I IMAGINED. THEREFORE...
... I HAD THIS PREPARED FROM MY PRESS OFFICE!
WHAT IS IT?


A SELECTION OF IMAGES FROM THE ARCHIVES. INAUGURATIONS, CONFERENCES I'VE ATTENDED AND SO ON.
THANK YOU. BUT... DIDN'T YOU ALSO NOTICE...
WHAT?
JUST NOW... OH, FORGET IT! MAYBE I'M JUST A LITTLE *TIRED.*
SHORTLY AFTER, SEVENTY-FIVE FLOORS BELOW...
HOW DID YOUR INTERVIEW WITH THE *BIG SHOT* GO, LYLA?
VERY WELL, ANGUS. WHY?
WHY I THINK THAT GUY'S *HIDING SOMETHING.*
THE GREAT BUSINESSDUCK CAME FROM THE STREETS... *BAH!* IT'S ALL A FACADE!
I FOR ONE DON'T BUY IT! HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW...
SURE, SURE. BUT NOW I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR LATEST *NOVEL!*


OH, EXCUSE ME, MISS "INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM"!
I WON'T BOTHER YOU FURTHER WITH MY FOOLISH FANTASIES.
WAIT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU, BUT I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS!
THERE'S A CERTAIN THING I'D LIKE TO CHECK, BUT I FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE!
THEN IT'S NOT A PROBLEM. REMEMBER THE FIRST RULE OF THE GREAT REPORTER: IF YOU CAN'T VERIFY, INVENT!
IF ONLY IT WAS THAT SIMPLE.
FANGUS IS HOWEVER NOT WRONG! DONALD REALLY HAS SOMETHING TO HIDE.
GOOD EVENING, MASTER DONALD!
HELLO, ONE. HAVE YOU PREPARED MY COSTUME FOR THE PATROL?


OBVIOUSLY. ALTHOUGH YOU'RE *EARLY* TODAY, IF I MAY POINT IT OUT!
ZWEENNG
YOU CAN, BUT I HAVE MY GOOD REASONS.
RELATED TO THE INTERVIEW YOU JUST GAVE, I SUPPOSE.
EXACTLY! I WONDER WHAT LYLA WOULD SAY, IF SHE KNEW THAT HER *MANAGERIAL* FRIEND...
ZING
FRUUSH
BUZZ
... IS ALSO *DUCK AVENGER*, THE MASKED PALADIN!
MIRROR, MASTER DONALD?
YES, THANK YOU. I... *EEEH?* WHAT KIND OF COSTUME HAVE YOU GIVEN ME?


THE HEAVY ONE. IT'S QUITE COLD AND...
YOU RUINED THE EXIT'S EFFECT!
BRING OUT THE USUAL EQUIPMENT AND STOP PLAYING AUNT!
IN 2255, HOWEVER, THE WEATHER CONTROL GIVES THE DUCKBURGIANS AN ETERNAL SPRING...
HERE IS THE NEW AGREEMENT, MYZ-4. I HAVE PERSONALLY SIGNED AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF DROID MANUFACTURERS.
WE GUARANTEE ALL THE EXTENSIVE RIGHTS YOU HAVE REQUESTED.
I DIDN'T DOUBT IT!
MYZ4
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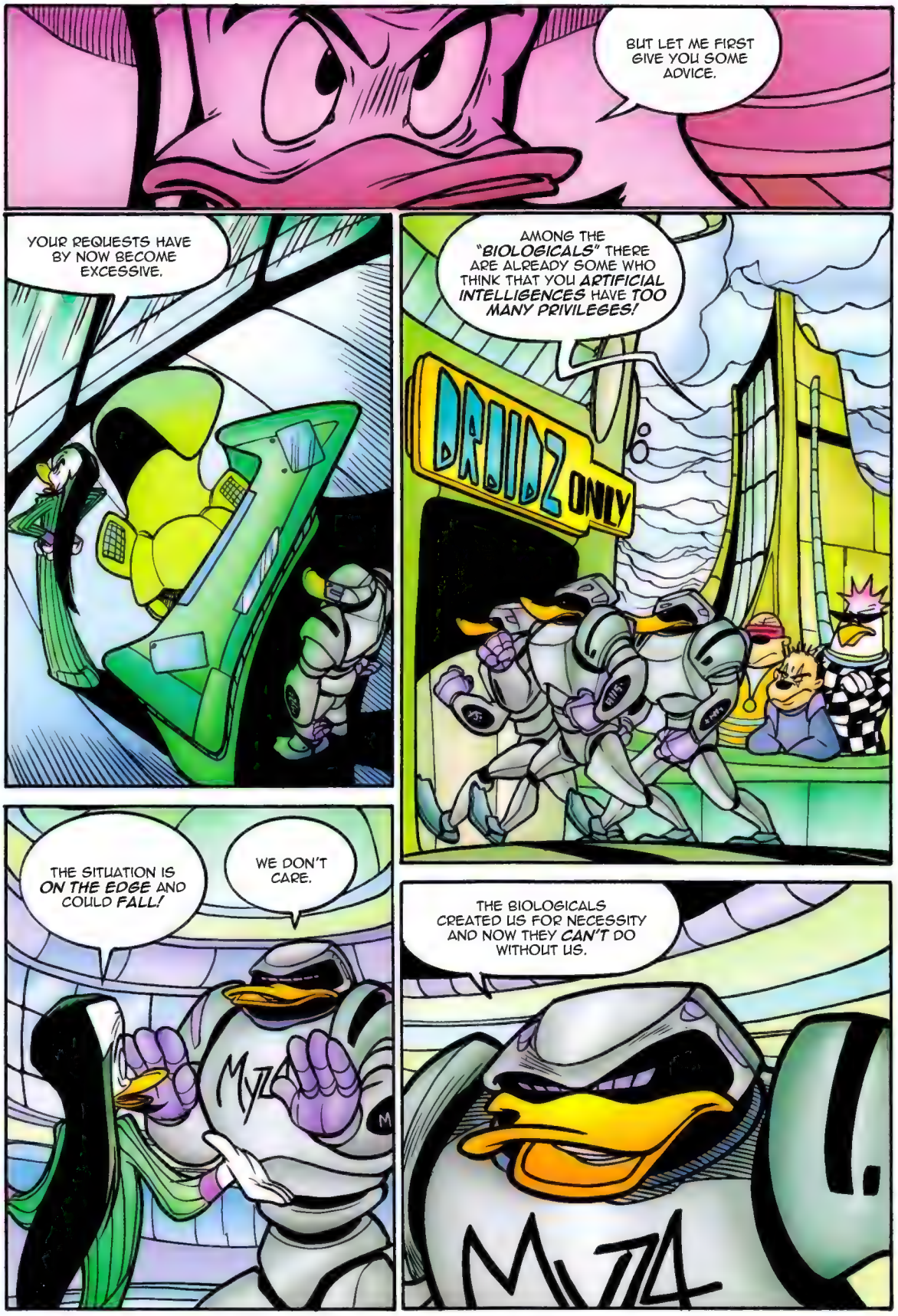
BUT LET ME FIRST GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.
YOUR REQUESTS HAVE BY NOW BECOME EXCESSIVE.
AMONG THE "BIOLOGICALS" THERE ARE ALREADY SOME WHO THINK THAT YOU ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES HAVE TOO MANY PRIVILEGES!
DROIDZ ONLY
THE SITUATION IS ON THE EDGE AND COULD FALL!
WE DON'T CARE.
THE BIOLOGICALS CREATED US FOR NECESSITY AND NOW THEY CAN'T DO WITHOUT US.

WE ARE UNDENIABLY SUPERIOR TO YOU. THE TIME OF OUR RETALIATION HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU BELIEVE, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO SAY.
BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO...
MYZ4
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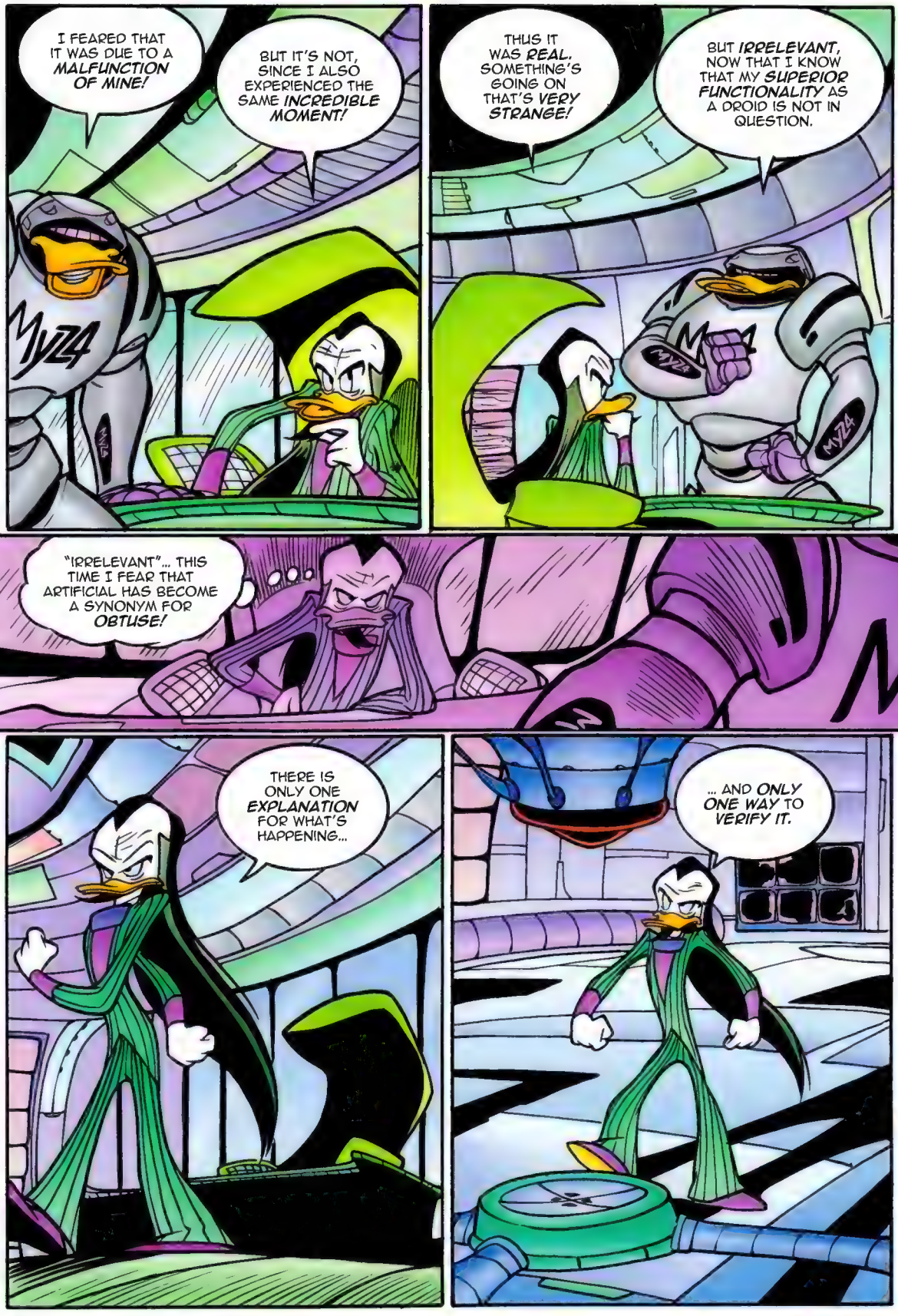
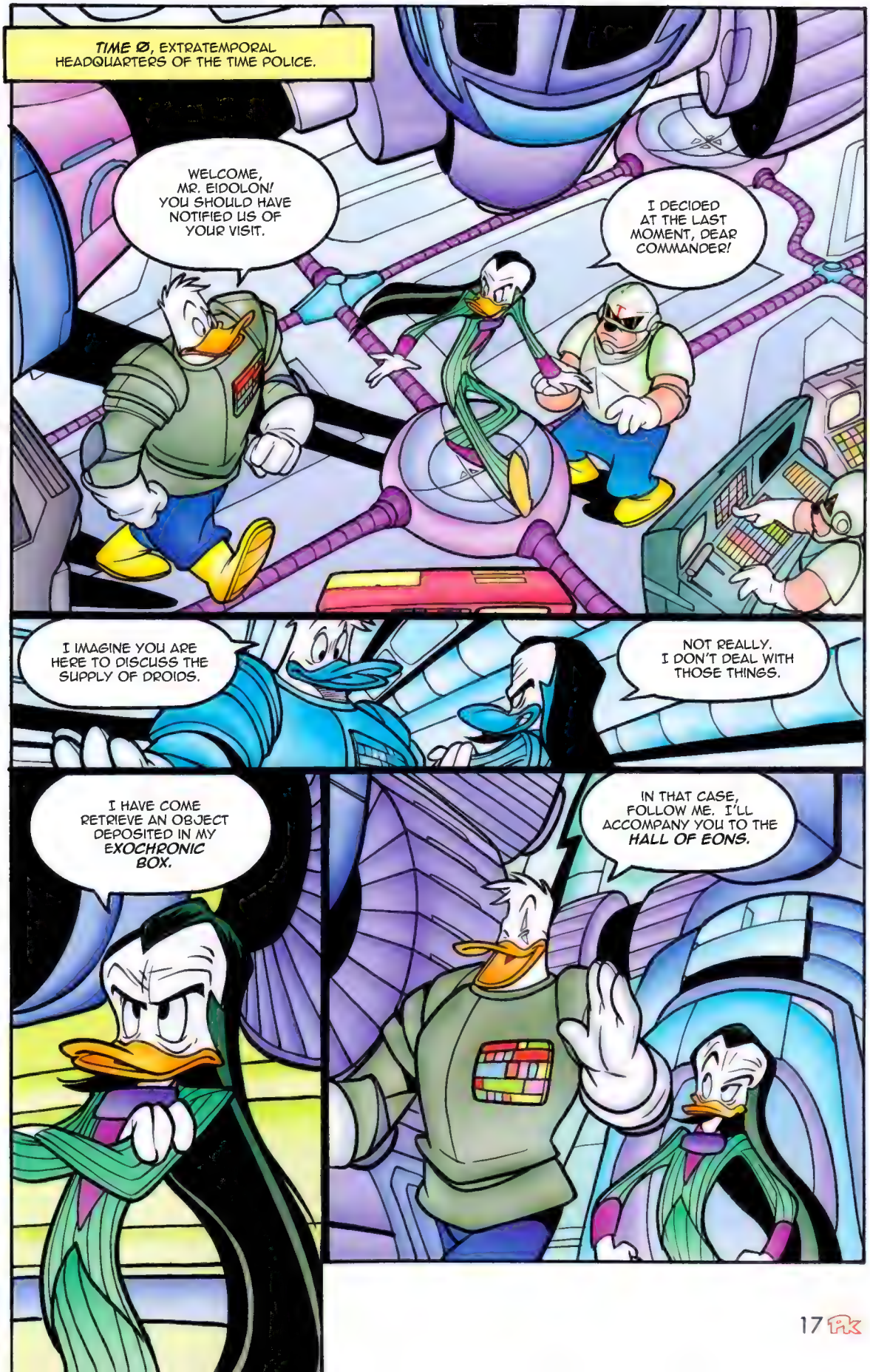
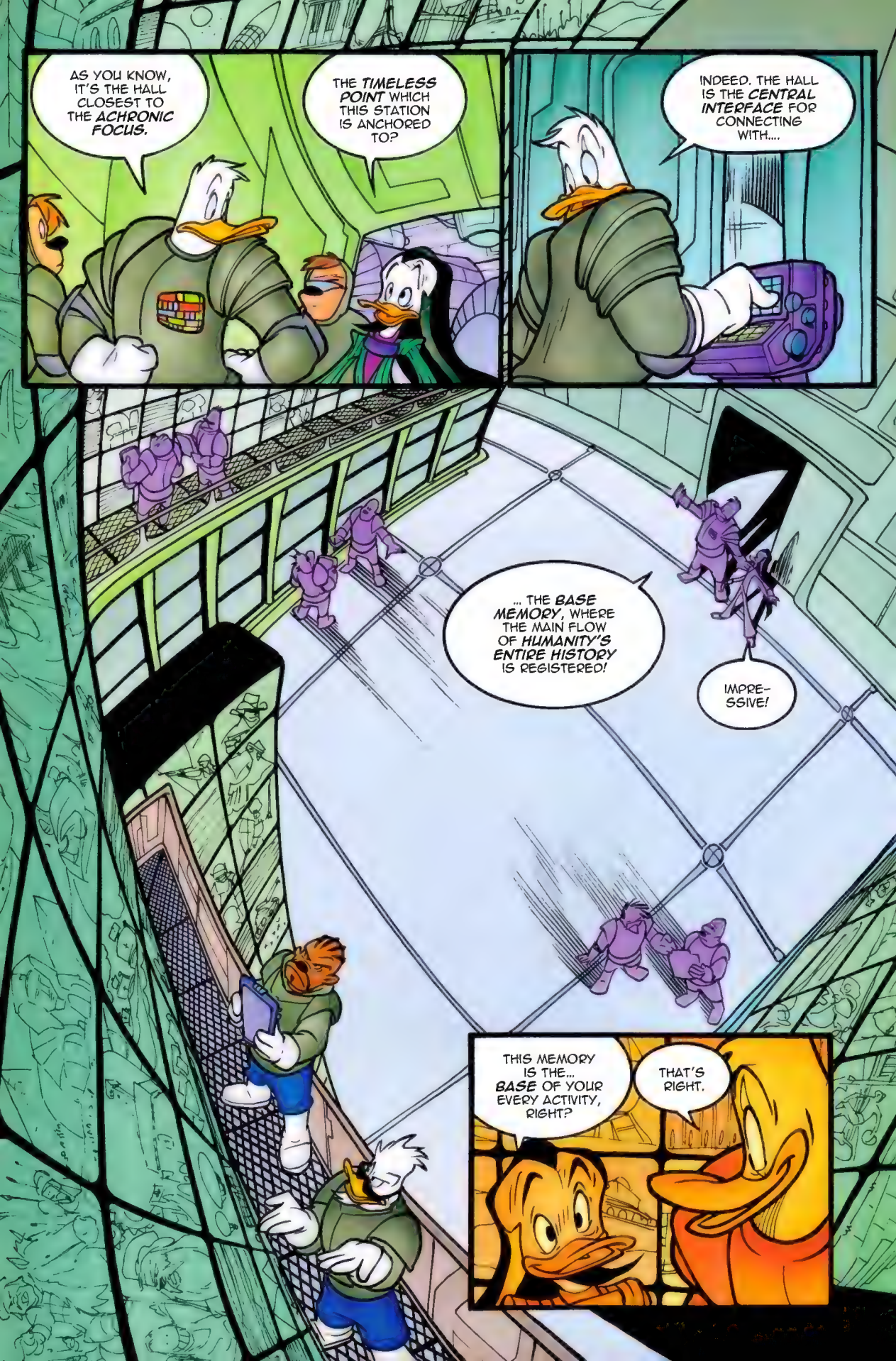
WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU TOO SAW IT?
LATELY I HAVE OFTEN HAD SIMILAR VISIONS, BUT THE BIOLOGICALS HAVE NEVER PERCEIVED THEM!


I FEARED THAT IT WAS DUE TO A MALFUNCTION OF MINE!
BUT IT'S NOT, SINCE I ALSO EXPERIENCED THE SAME INCREDIBLE MOMENT!
THUS IT WAS REAL. SOMETHING'S GOING ON THAT'S VERY STRANGE!
BUT IRRELEVANT, NOW THAT I KNOW THAT MY SUPERIOR FUNCTIONALITY AS A DROID IS NOT IN QUESTION.
"IRRELEVANT"... THIS TIME I FEAR THAT ARTIFICIAL HAS BECOME A SYNONYM FOR OBTUSE!
THERE IS ONLY ONE EXPLANATION FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING...
... AND ONLY ONE WAY TO VERIFY IT.

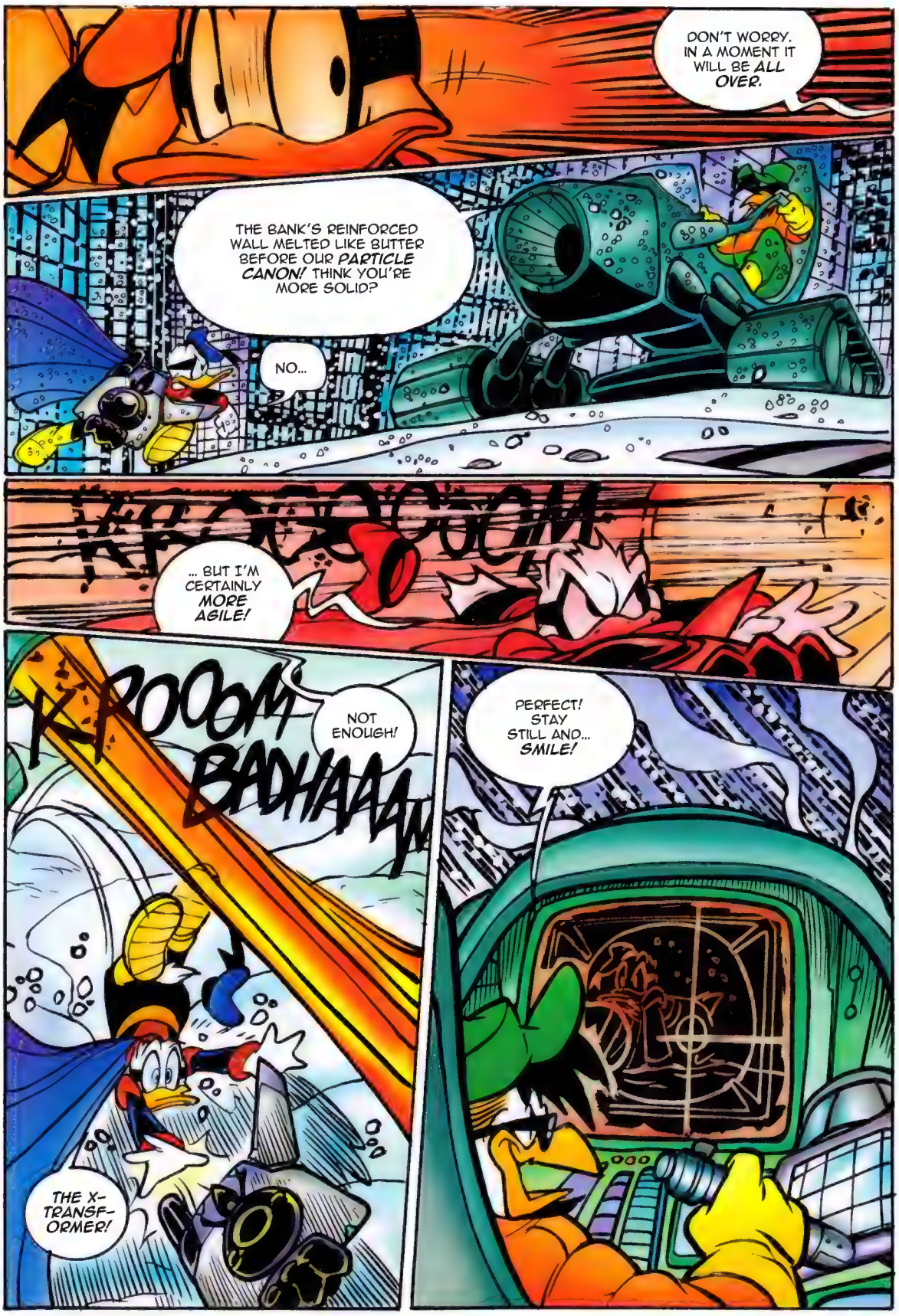

TIME Ø, EXTRATEMPORAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE TIME POLICE.
WELCOME, MR. EIDOLON! YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTIFIED US OF YOUR VISIT.
I DECIDED AT THE LAST MOMENT, DEAR COMMANDER!
I IMAGINE YOU ARE HERE TO DISCUSS THE SUPPLY OF DROIDS.
NOT REALLY. I DON'T DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS.
I HAVE COME RETRIEVE AN OBJECT DEPOSITED IN MY *EXOCHRONIC BOX.*
IN THAT CASE, FOLLOW ME. I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE *HALL OF EONS.*

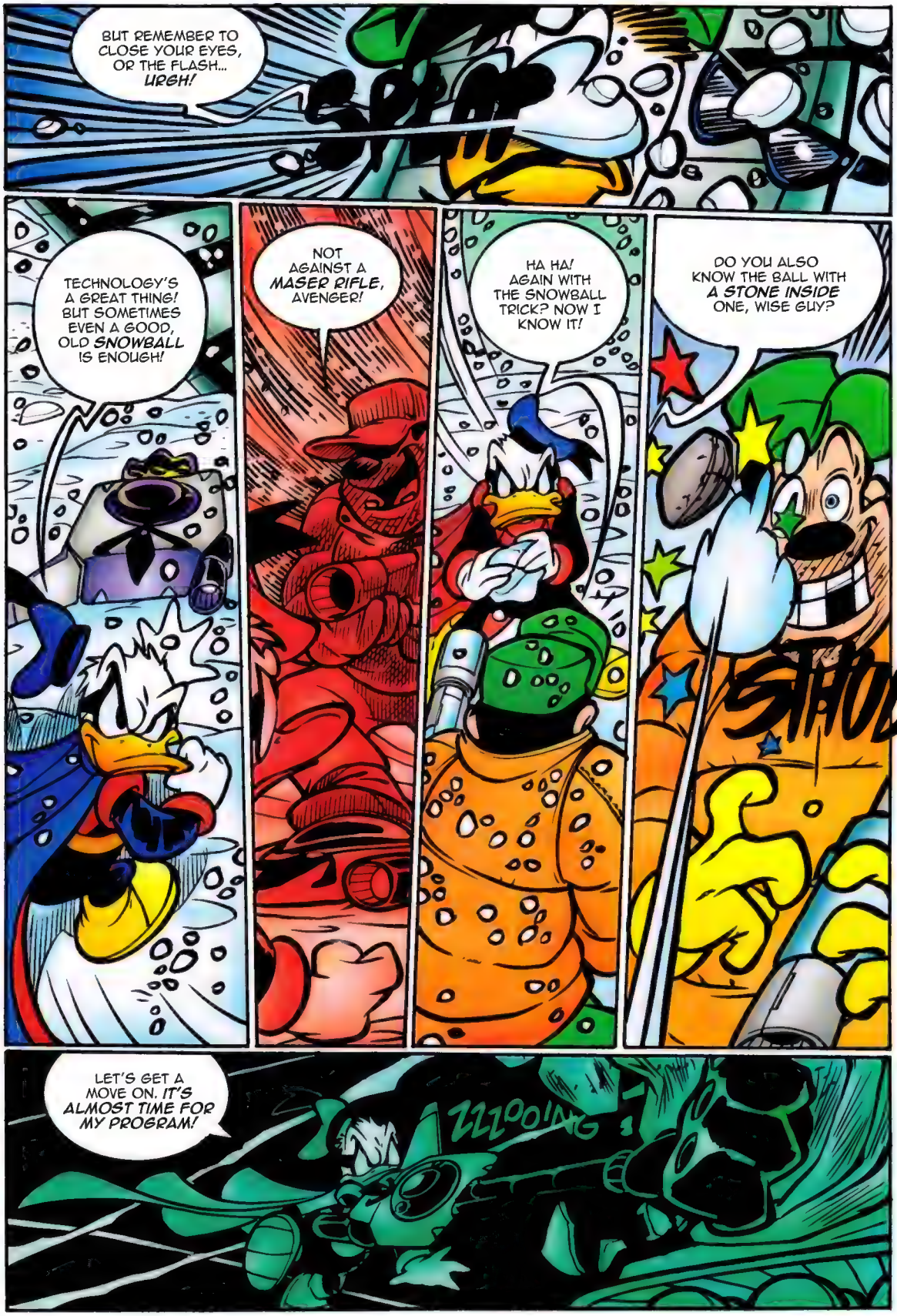

AS YOU KNOW, IT'S THE HALL CLOSEST TO THE ACHRONIC FOCUS.
THE TIMELESS POINT WHICH THIS STATION IS ANCHORED TO?
INDEED. THE HALL IS THE CENTRAL INTERFACE FOR CONNECTING WITH....
... THE BASE MEMORY, WHERE THE MAIN FLOW OF HUMANITY'S ENTIRE HISTORY IS REGISTERED!
IMPRE-SSIVE!
THIS MEMORY IS THE... BASE OF YOUR EVERY ACTIVITY, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.

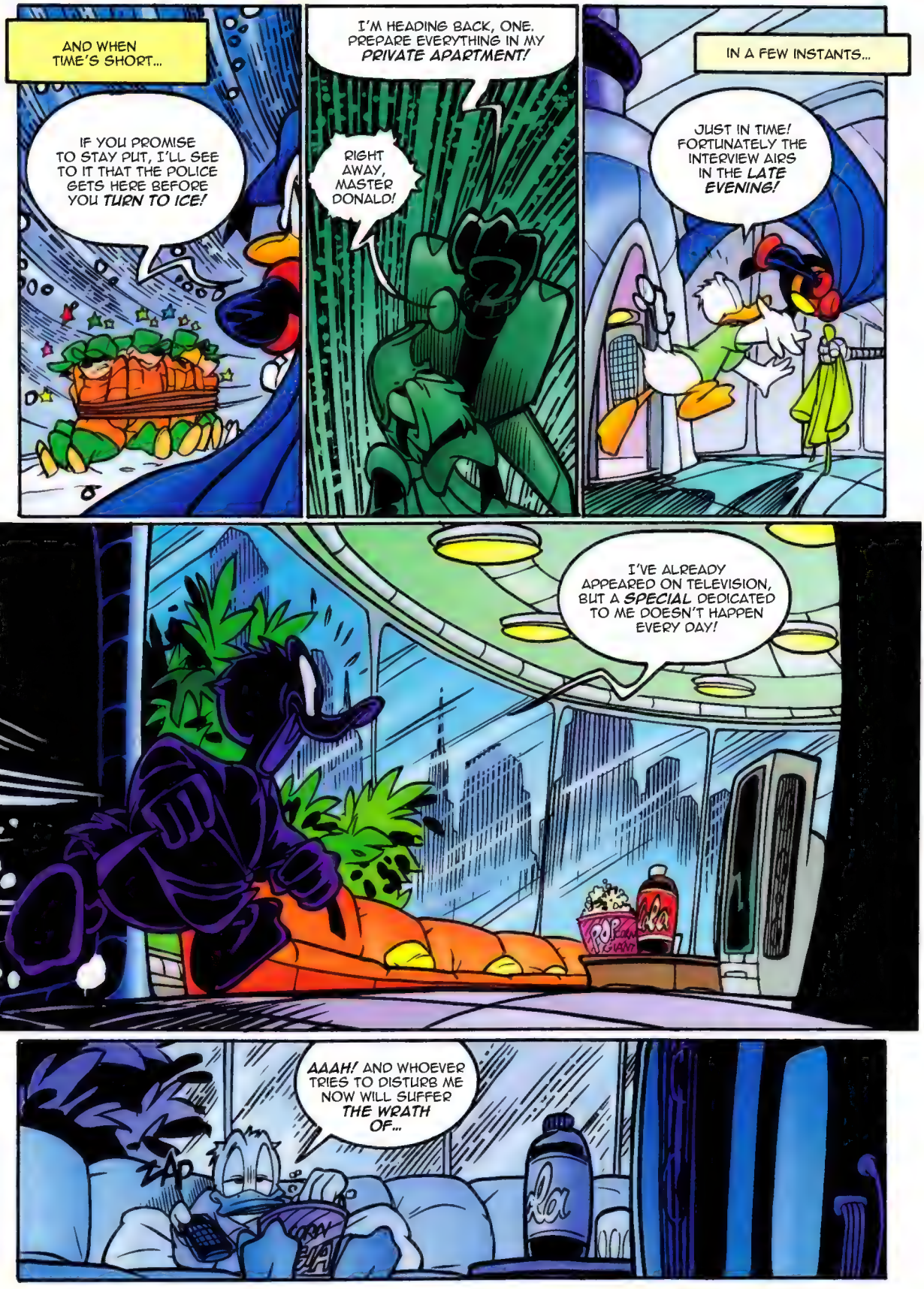
ONLY BY COMPARING ITS ARCHIVES WITH THE REPORTS OF OUR AGENTS IN THE PAST WE CAN IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ANOMALIES AND INTERVENE TO PRESERVE THE CONTINUUM.
THEREFORE IT MUST BE UNALTERABLE BY ANY HISTORIC MANIPULATION.
AND IT IS! ITS RECORDINGS ARE ISOLATED IN THE ATEMPORAL FULCRUM, THE MOST SECURE PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE!
WHERE WE ALSO HAVE OUR EXOCHRONIC SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. ONLY A FEW IMPORTANT PERSONALITIES MAY USE THEM.
I KNOW. I WAS GIVEN ONE FOR SPECIAL MERITS!
STRANGE OBJECT. WHAT IS IT?
HE HE! LET'S SAY THAT IT IS A... FOND MEMORY!

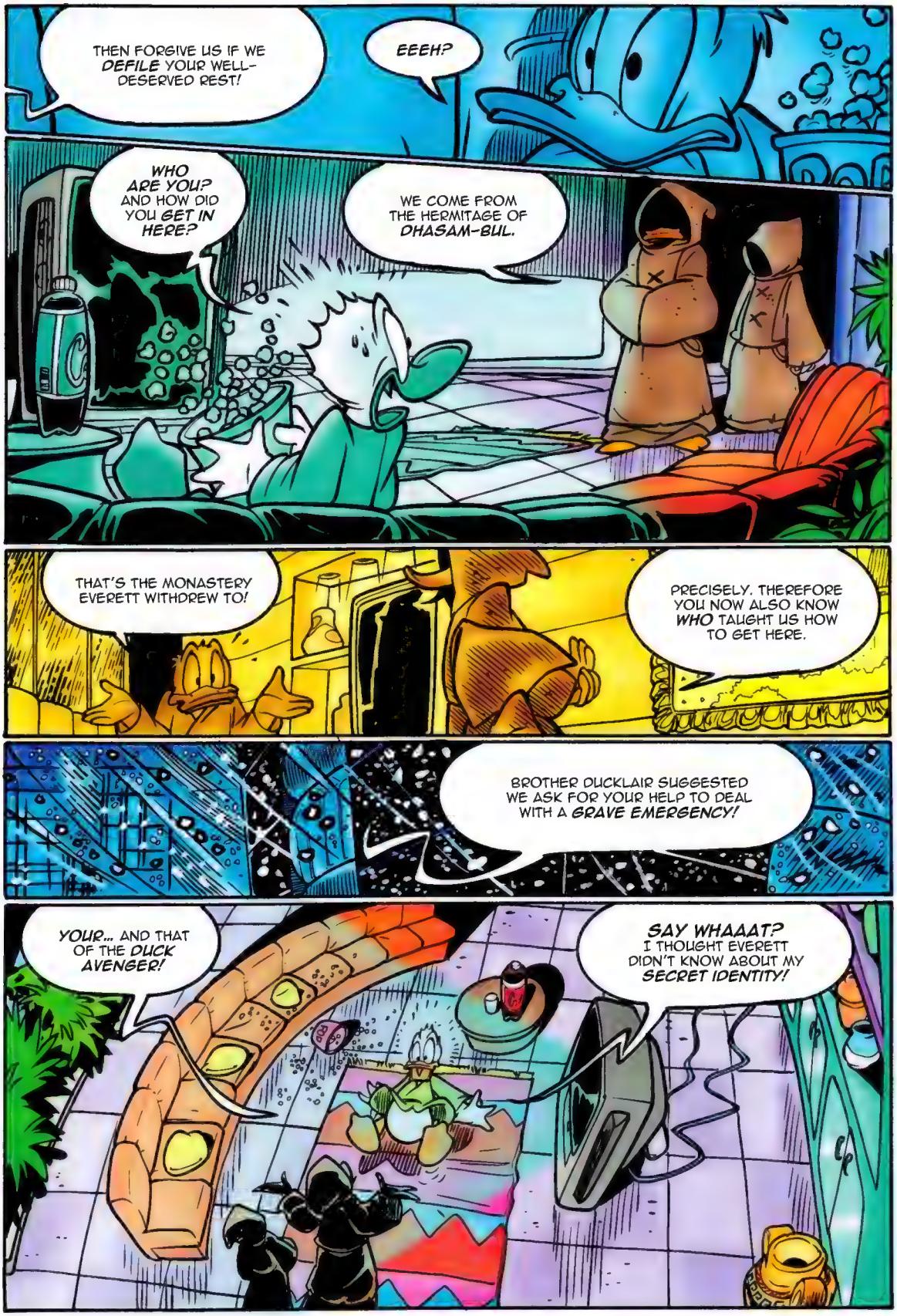
AS I IMAGINED. YOU CAN CLOSE IT, I'M TAKING THIS WITH ME.
ALRIGHT. IF THAT'S ALL YOU NEEDED...
ACTUALLY, THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE!
I NEED A TRAVEL PERMIT.
HUH?
MEANWHILE, 258 YEARS PRIOR...
WERE YOU REALLY HOPING TO GET AWAY WITH IT?

YOU DISABLED THE ALARMS, BUT WITH MY *LIGHT INTENSIFIERS* I SPOTTED THE *GLOW* OF THAT GOLD FROM A MILE AWAY.
GOLD
THEN YOU CAN NOW *TAKE THEM OFF!* MOM ALWAYS TOLD US NOT TO BEAT UP THOSE WITH *GLASSES!*
THERE. HAPPY?
YOWCH!
AS FOR *BEATING ME UP*, THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN!
SE
URGH!
BUT LET'S TRY TO HURRY UP! I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT *WITH THE TELEVISION!*

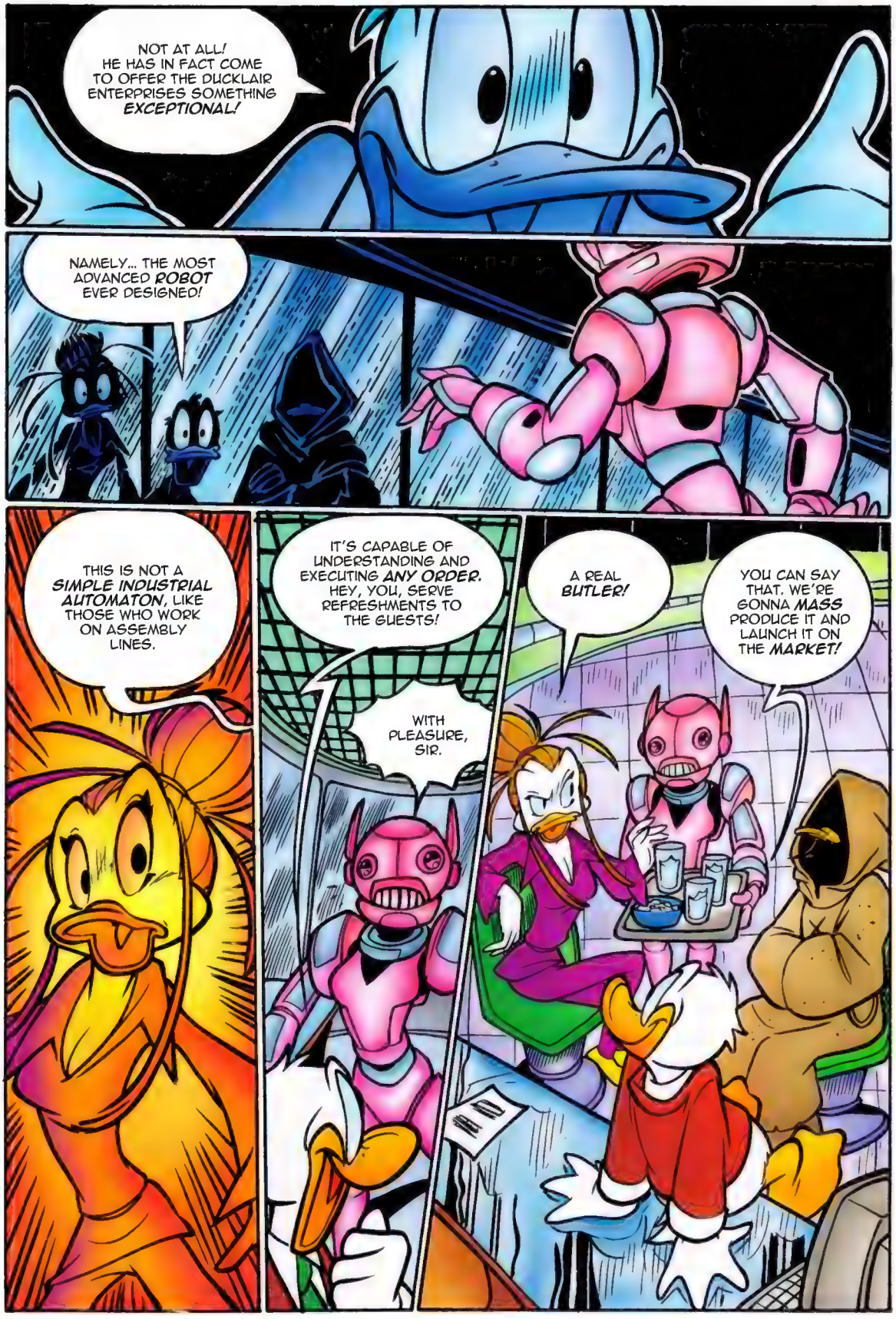

DON'T WORRY. IN A MOMENT IT WILL BE ALL OVER.
THE BANK'S REINFORCED WALL MELTED LIKE BUTTER BEFORE OUR PARTICLE CANON! THINK YOU'RE MORE SOLID?
NO...
KROOOM
... BUT I'M CERTAINLY MORE AGILE!
KROOOM BADHAAAW
NOT ENOUGH!
THE X-TRANSF-ORMER!
PERFECT! STAY STILL AND... SMILE!

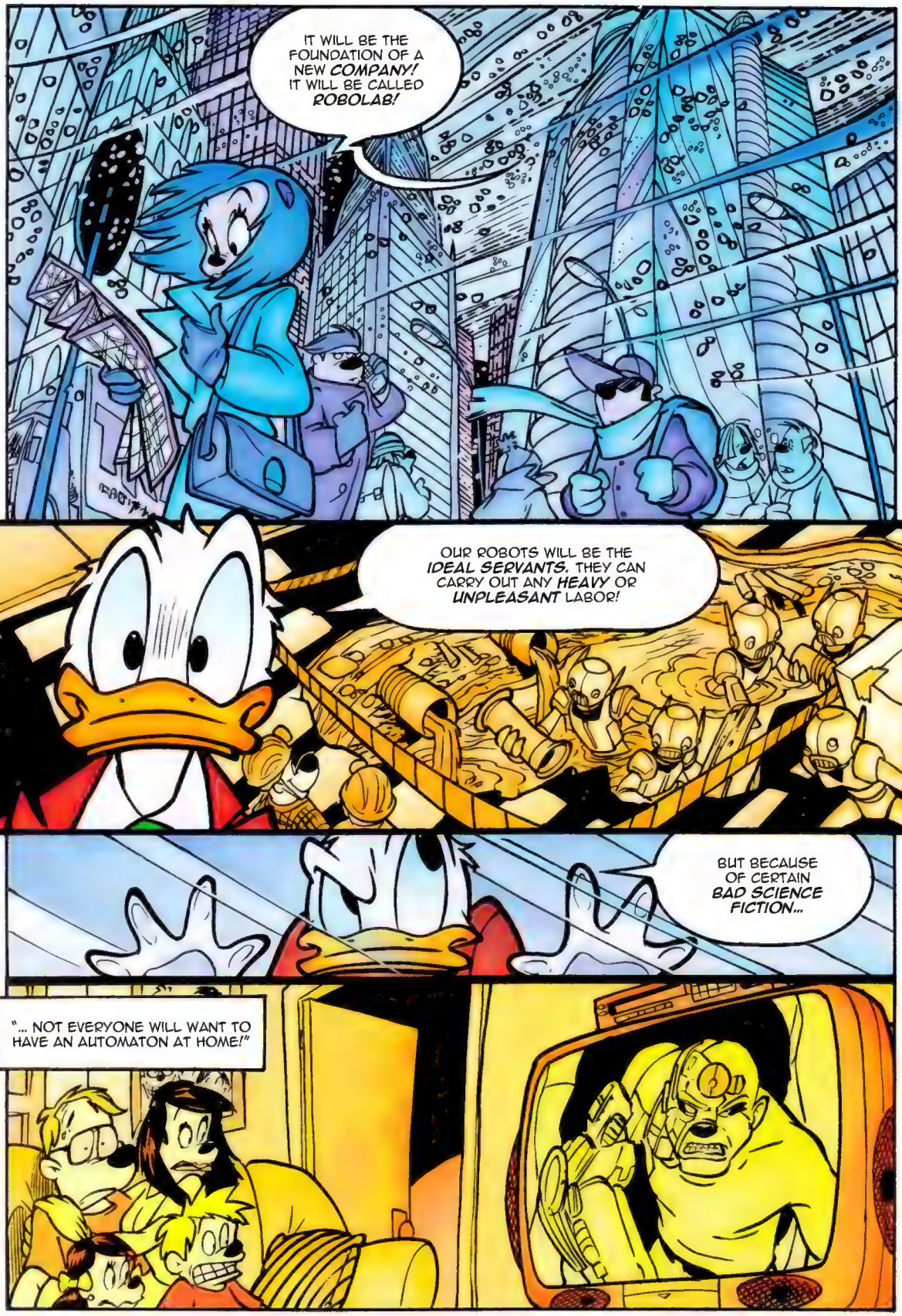

BUT REMEMBER TO CLOSE YOUR EYES, OR THE FLASH... URGH!
TECHNOLOGY'S A GREAT THING! BUT SOMETIMES EVEN A GOOD, OLD SNOWBALL IS ENOUGH!
NOT AGAINST A MASER RIFLE, AVENGER!
HA HA! AGAIN WITH THE SNOWBALL TRICK? NOW I KNOW IT!
DO YOU ALSO KNOW THE BALL WITH A STONE INSIDE ONE, WISE GUY?
STHOD
LET'S GET A MOVE ON. IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR MY PROGRAM!
ZZZOOING

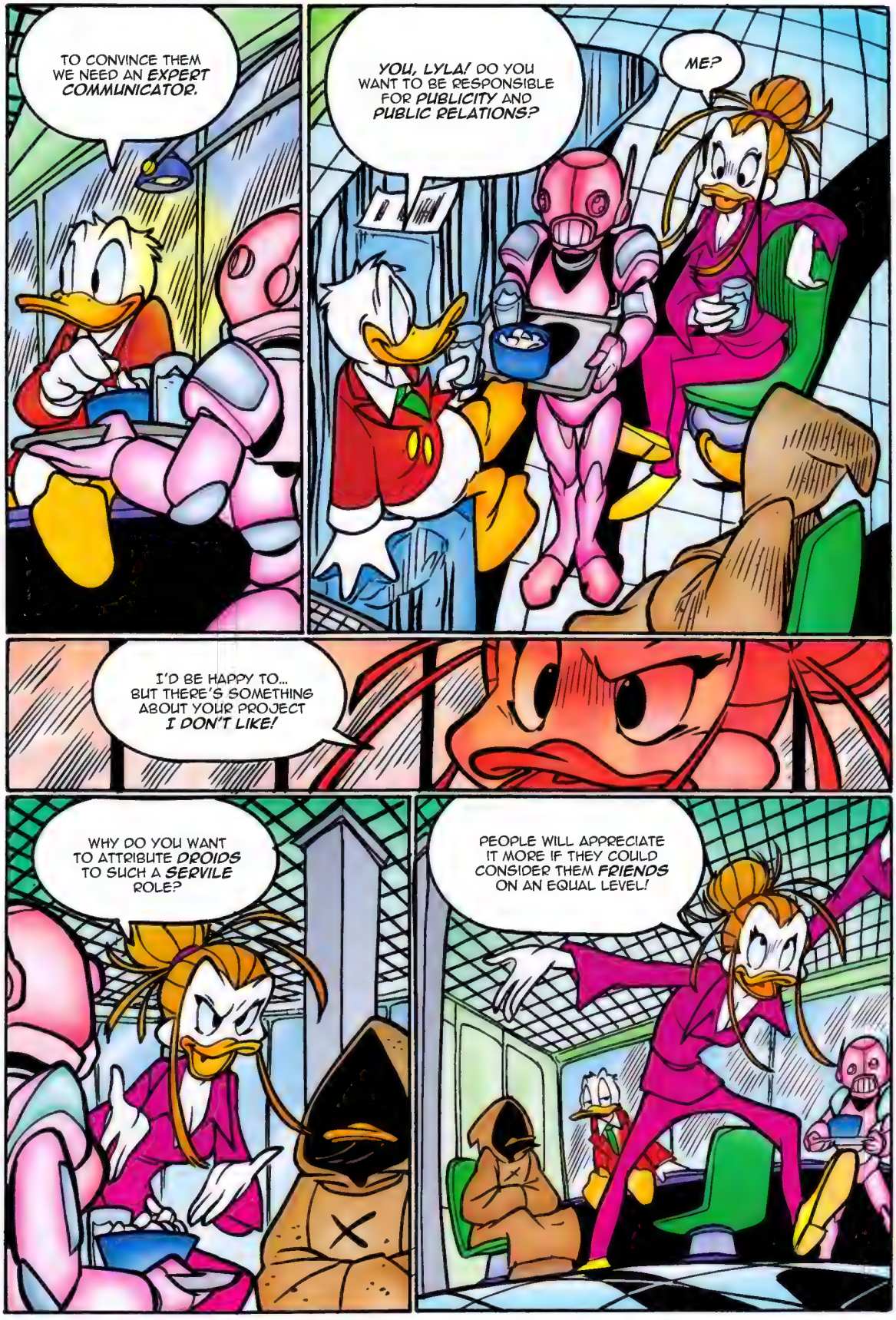

AND WHEN TIME'S SHORT...
IF YOU PROMISE TO STAY PUT, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THE POLICE GETS HERE BEFORE YOU *TURN TO ICE!*
I'M HEADING BACK, ONE. PREPARE EVERYTHING IN MY *PRIVATE APARTMENT!*
RIGHT AWAY, MASTER DONALD!
IN A FEW INSTANTS...
JUST IN TIME! FORTUNATELY THE INTERVIEW AIRS IN THE *LATE EVENING!*
I'VE ALREADY APPEARED ON TELEVISION, BUT A *SPECIAL* DEDICATED TO ME DOESN'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY!
AAAH! AND WHOEVER TRIES TO DISTURB ME NOW WILL SUFFER *THE WRATH OF...*
ZAP

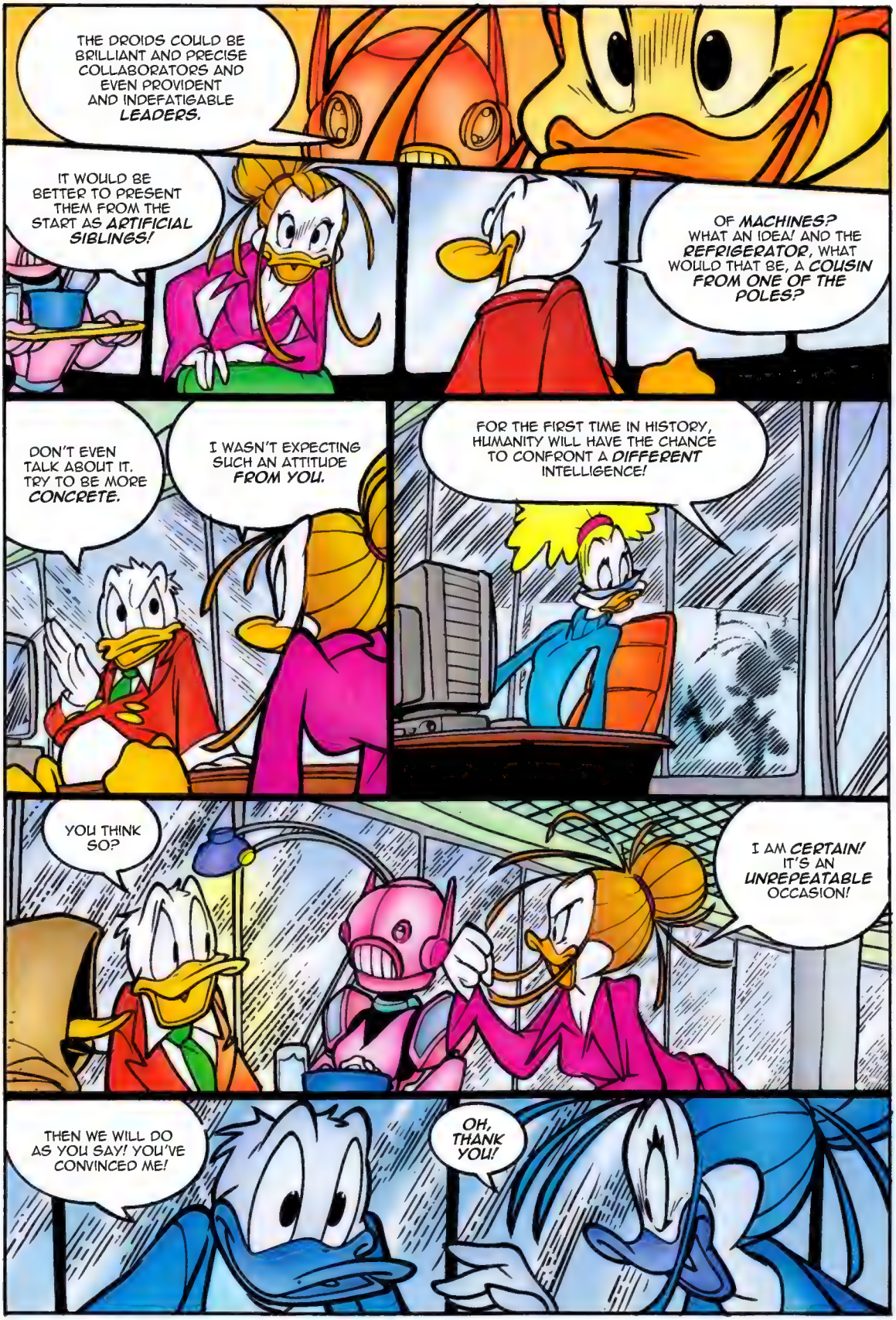

THEN FORGIVE US IF WE DEFILE YOUR WELL-DESERVED REST!
EEEH?
WHO ARE YOU? AND HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
WE COME FROM THE HERMITAGE OF DHASAM-BUL.
THAT'S THE MONASTERY EVERETT WITHDREW TO!
PRECISELY. THEREFORE YOU NOW ALSO KNOW WHO TAUGHT US HOW TO GET HERE.
BROTHER DUCKLAIR SUGGESTED WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO DEAL WITH A GRAVE EMERGENCY!
YOUR... AND THAT OF THE DUCK AVENGER!
SAY WHAAAT? I THOUGHT EVERETT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY SECRET IDENTITY!

PERHAPS THERE WAS A TIME HE WAS UNAWARE. BUT AT DHASAM-BUL WE SEEK FULL AWARENESS.
THEN I HAVE TO HELP YOU! BUT FIRST I NEED TO TRUST YOU!
IF WE WANTED TO HARM YOU, WE COULD HAVE HIT YOU BY SURPRISE.
FURTHERMORE, AS YOU'VE NOTED, WE KNOW SECRETS ONLY BROTHER DUCKLAIR COULD REVEAL TO US.
SO, IF HE TRUSTED YOU... SIT DOWN AND EXPLAIN THE PROBLEM TO ME.
THE NEXT DAY...
THANK YOU FOR COMING, MY DEAR!
OF COURSE. BUT I SEE THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE A GUEST.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE HIM. DESPITE HIS ECCENTRIC CLOTHING, THIS GENTLEMAN...
... IS THE MOST BRILLIANT CYBERNETIC ENGINEER OF THE CENTURY!
PLEASURE. MR. DUCK EXAGGERATES.

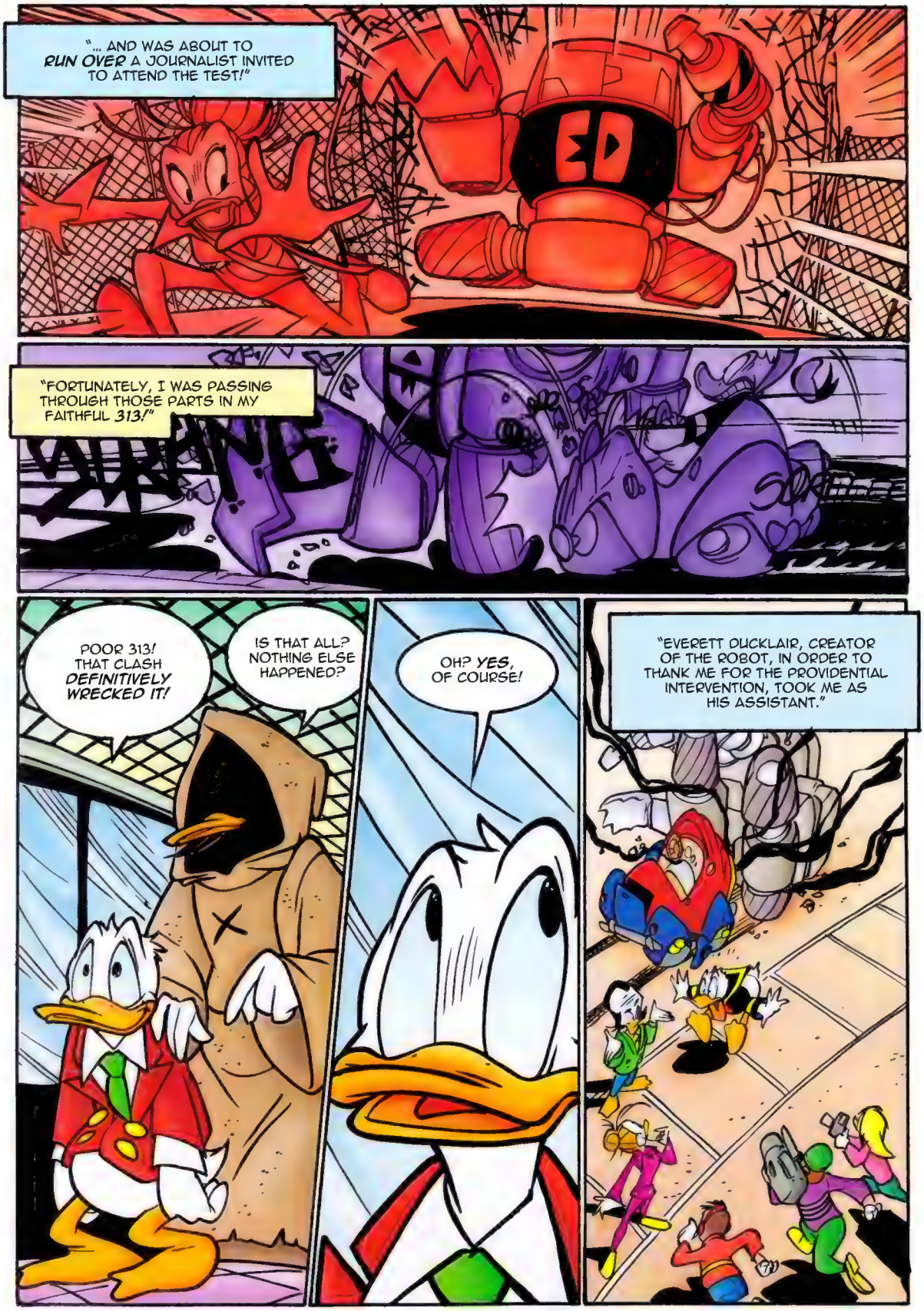

NOT AT ALL! HE HAS IN FACT COME TO OFFER THE DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES SOMETHING *EXCEPTIONAL!*
NAMELY... THE MOST ADVANCED *ROBOT* EVER DESIGNED!
THIS IS NOT A *SIMPLE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATON*, LIKE THOSE WHO WORK ON ASSEMBLY LINES.
IT'S CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING AND EXECUTING *ANY ORDER.* HEY, YOU, SERVE REFRESHMENTS TO THE GUESTS!
WITH PLEASURE, SIR.
A REAL *BUTLER!*
YOU CAN SAY THAT. WE'RE GONNA *MASS* PRODUCE IT AND LAUNCH IT ON THE *MARKET!*

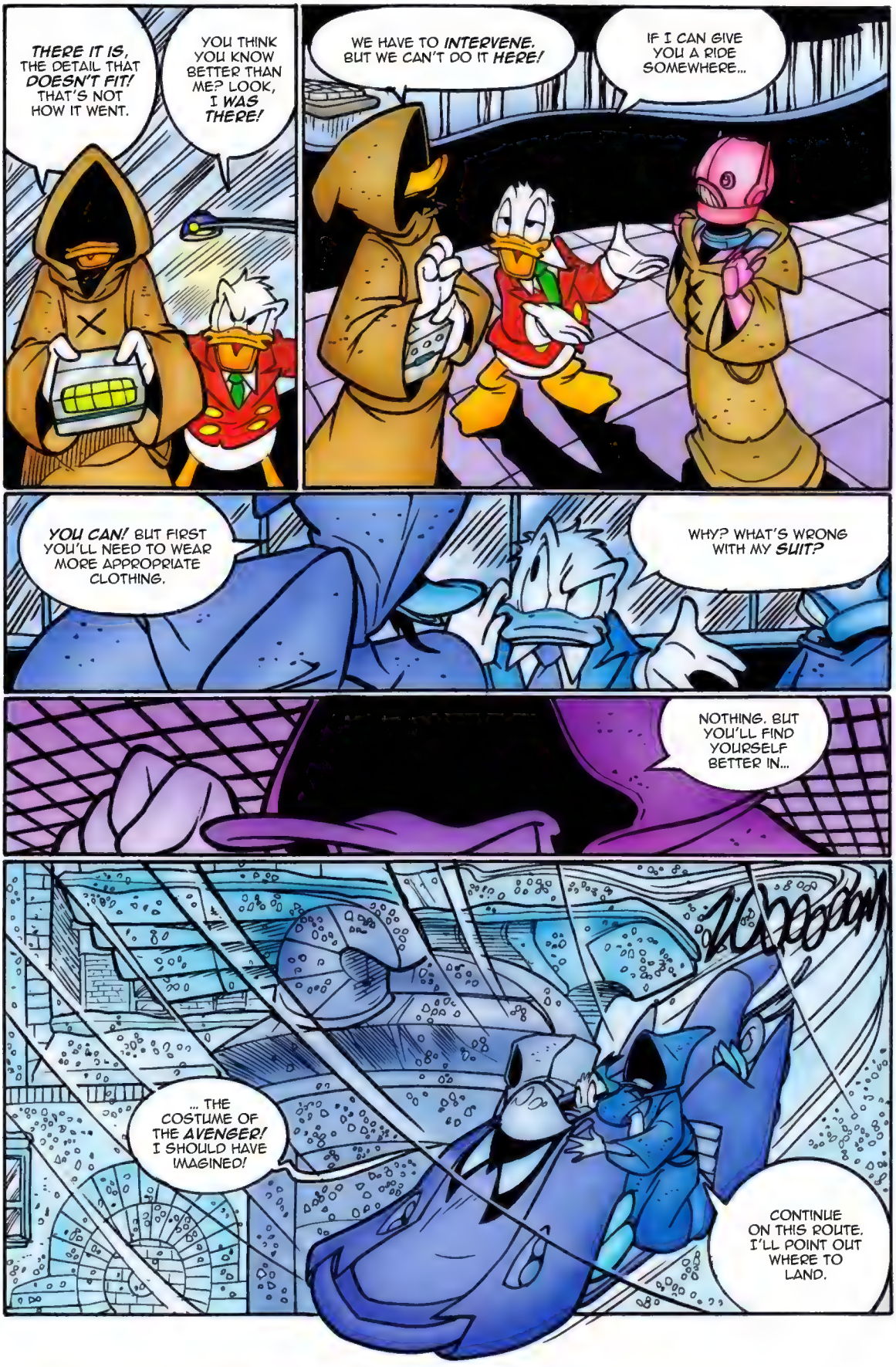

IT WILL BE THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW COMPANY! IT WILL BE CALLED ROBOLAB!
OUR ROBOTS WILL BE THE IDEAL SERVANTS. THEY CAN CARRY OUT ANY HEAVY OR UNPLEASANT LABOR!
BUT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN BAD SCIENCE FICTION...
"... NOT EVERYONE WILL WANT TO HAVE AN AUTOMATON AT HOME!"


TO CONVINCE THEM WE NEED AN EXPERT COMMUNICATOR.
YOU, LYLA! DO YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS?
ME?
I'D BE HAPPY TO... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR PROJECT I DON'T LIKE!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO ATTRIBUTE DROIDS TO SUCH A SERVILE ROLE?
PEOPLE WILL APPRECIATE IT MORE IF THEY COULD CONSIDER THEM FRIENDS ON AN EQUAL LEVEL!


THE DROIDS COULD BE BRILLIANT AND PRECISE COLLABORATORS AND EVEN PROVIDENT AND INDEFATIGABLE LEADERS.
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PRESENT THEM FROM THE START AS ARTIFICIAL SIBLINGS!
OF MACHINES? WHAT AN IDEA! AND THE REFRIGERATOR, WHAT WOULD THAT BE, A COUSIN FROM ONE OF THE POLES?
DON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT IT. TRY TO BE MORE CONCRETE.
I WASN'T EXPECTING SUCH AN ATTITUDE FROM YOU.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, HUMANITY WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO CONFRONT A DIFFERENT INTELLIGENCE!
YOU THINK SO?
I AM CERTAIN! IT'S AN UNREPEATABLE OCCASION!
THEN WE WILL DO AS YOU SAY! YOU'VE CONVINCED ME!
OH, THANK YOU!

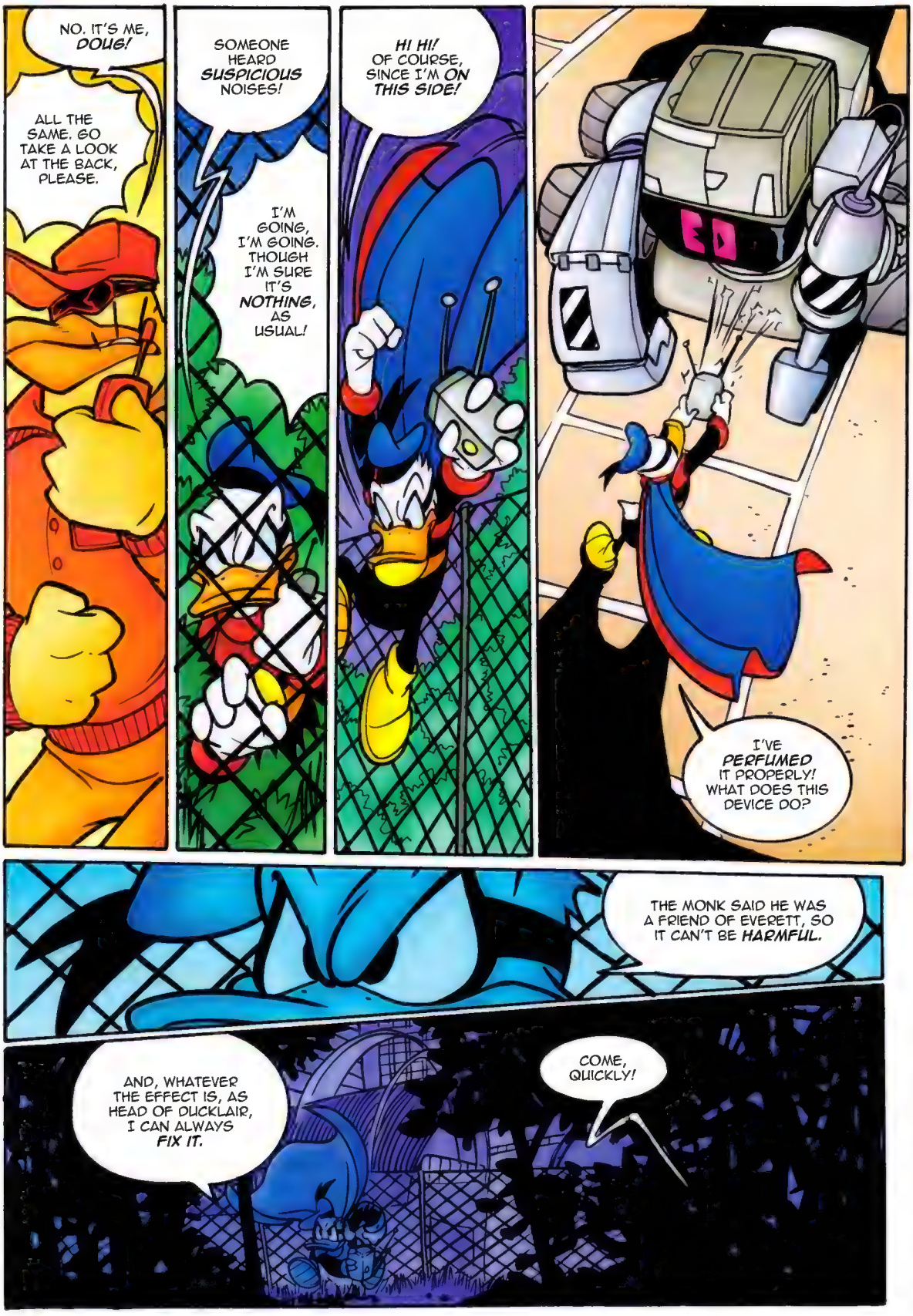
YOU WON'T REGRET IT! I GUARANTEE YOU!
SO?
IT'S HER. THERE'S NO DOUBT.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN HER? HOW DID YOU MEET? DO YOU REMEMBER?
SURE. IT HAPPENED ON THE SAME DAY I MET EVERETT DUCKLAIR!
"A TESTING FOR A ROBOT FROM THE DUCKLAIR INDUSTRIES HAD BEEN SCHEDULED, FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE."
"UNFORTUNATELY THE AUTOMATON WENT OUT OF CONTROL..."
BROOOM

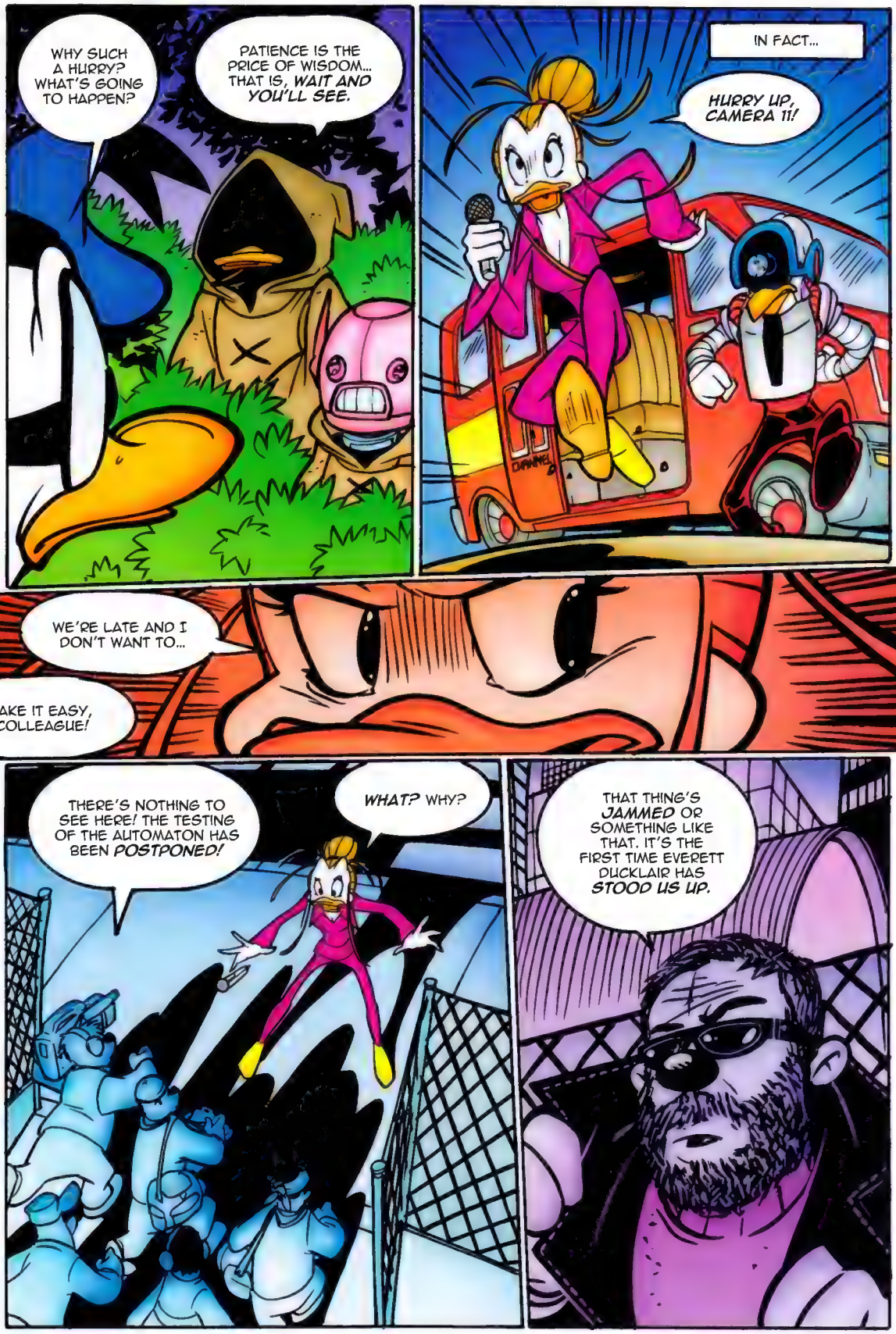

"... AND WAS ABOUT TO *RUN OVER* A JOURNALIST INVITED TO ATTEND THE TEST!"
ED
"FORTUNATELY, I WAS PASSING THROUGH THOSE PARTS IN MY FAITHFUL *313!*"
CRASH
POOR 313! THAT CLASH *DEFINITIVELY WRECKED IT!*
IS THAT ALL? NOTHING ELSE HAPPENED?
OH? *YES*, OF COURSE!
"EVERETT DUCKLAIR, CREATOR OF THE ROBOT, IN ORDER TO THANK ME FOR THE PROVIDENTIAL INTERVENTION, TOOK ME AS HIS ASSISTANT."


THERE IT IS, THE DETAIL THAT DOESN'T FIT! THAT'S NOT HOW IT WENT.
YOU THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ME? LOOK, I WAS THERE!
WE HAVE TO INTERVENE, BUT WE CAN'T DO IT HERE!
IF I CAN GIVE YOU A RIDE SOMEWHERE...
YOU CAN! BUT FIRST YOU'LL NEED TO WEAR MORE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY SUIT?
NOTHING. BUT YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF BETTER IN...
... THE COSTUME OF THE AVENGER! I SHOULD HAVE IMAGINED!
CONTINUE ON THIS ROUTE. I'LL POINT OUT WHERE TO LAND.

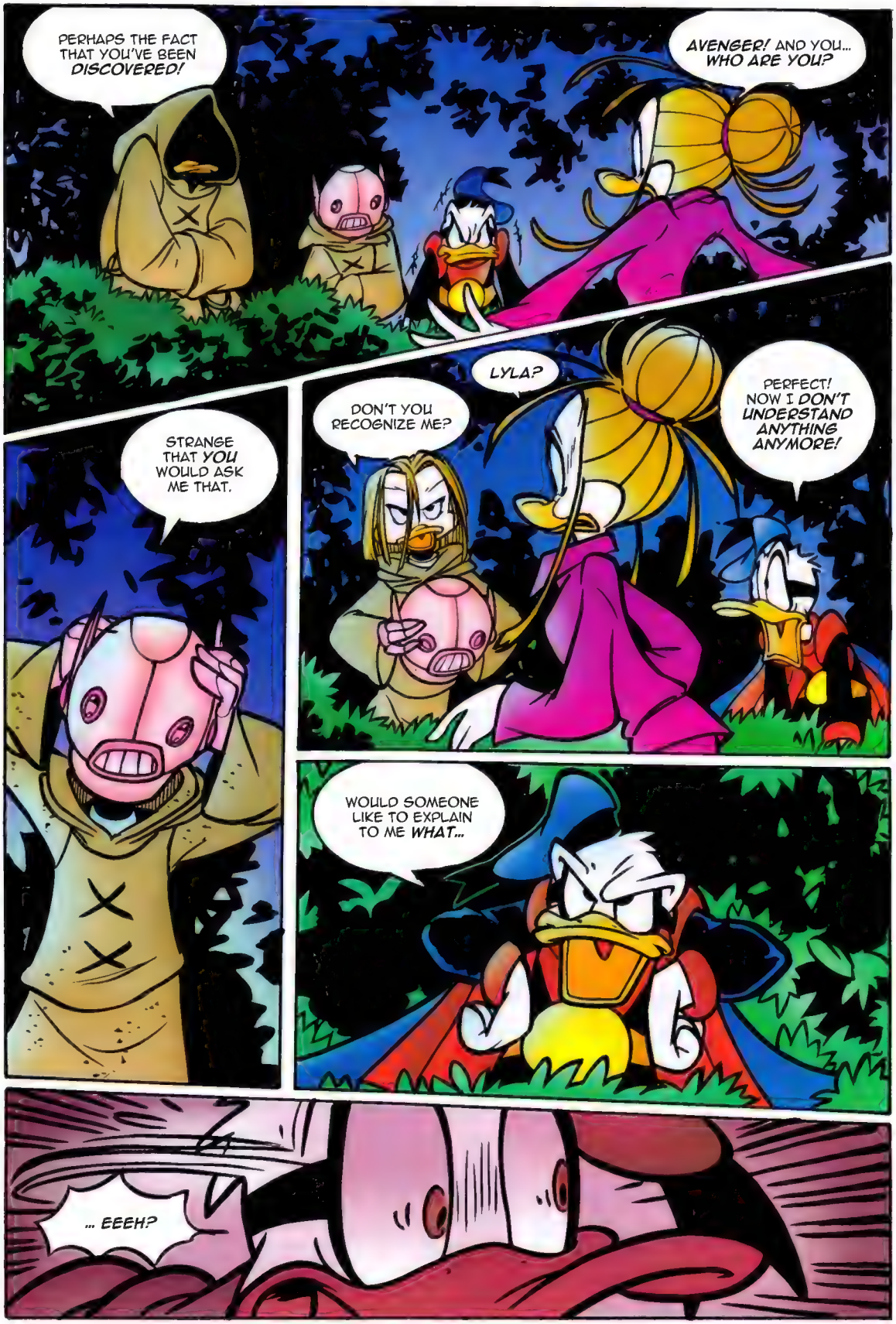
ALRIGHT, BUT TRY TO WARN ME IN TIME.
MY DUCKMOBILE IS QUITE...
FOOOAAAN
... FAST...
THERE. LAND NEAR THAT CLEARING.
HOW STRANGE. I SEEM TO KNOW THIS PLACE.
ED

OF COURSE! IT'S THE PLACE WHERE I MET EVERETT!
AND EVEN TODAY THEY'RE PREPARING A TEST. CURIOUS, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.
WHEN I RETURN TO MY OFFICE, THEY'LL HEAR FROM ME! AS DIRECTOR I SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED!
IN THE MEANTIME YOU COULD DO A SMALL THING FOR US.
YOU HAVE TO GET TO THAT AUTOMATON AND IRRADIATE IT WITH THIS CONTRAPTION.
THAT'S ALL?
IT MIGHT NOT BE EASY. THERE'S A SECURITY GUARD OUT THERE.
YOU DON'T SAY! HOW SCARY!
"FOR THE DUCK AVENGER IT WILL BE JOKE!"
HELLO, SOL? IS THAT YOU ON DUTY IN THE SQUARE?
HUH?


NO. IT'S ME, DOUG!
ALL THE SAME. GO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BACK, PLEASE.
SOMEONE HEARD SUSPICIOUS NOISES!
I'M GOING, I'M GOING. THOUGH I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING, AS USUAL!
HI HI! OF COURSE, SINCE I'M ON THIS SIDE!
I'VE PERFUMED IT PROPERLY! WHAT DOES THIS DEVICE DO?
THE MONK SAID HE WAS A FRIEND OF EVERETT, SO IT CAN'T BE HARMFUL.
COME, QUICKLY!
AND, WHATEVER THE EFFECT IS, AS HEAD OF DUCKLAIR, I CAN ALWAYS FIX IT.


WHY SUCH A HURRY? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
PATIENCE IS THE PRICE OF WISDOM... THAT IS, *WAIT AND YOU'LL SEE.*
IN FACT...
HURRY UP, CAMERA 11!
WE'RE LATE AND I DON'T WANT TO...
TAKE IT EASY, COLLEAGUE!
THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE HERE! THE TESTING OF THE AUTOMATON HAS BEEN *POSTPONED!*
WHAT? WHY?
THAT THING'S *JAMMED* OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IT'S THE FIRST TIME EVERETT DUCKLAIR HAS *STOOD US UP.*

IT'S INCONCEIVABLE! THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, I...
OH, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD. IN THE END IT WAS JUST SECOND-RATE NEWS.
NO STORY, EH?
THEN CAN WE GO BACK TO THE OFFICES?
HUH? YES, GO AHEAD.
YOU'RE NOT COMING?
NO. I'LL JOIN YOU LATER.
I NEED SOME TIME TO THINK...
THIS IS ALL ABSURD! WHAT COULD HAVE BLOWN MY PLAN?


PERHAPS THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!
AVENGER! AND YOU... WHO ARE YOU?
LYLA?
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
PERFECT! NOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ANYMORE!
STRANGE THAT YOU WOULD ASK ME THAT.
WOULD SOMEONE LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT...
... EEEH?

TH-TH-THAT'S ME! WITH THE 313 STILL INTACT!
VROOOOOOOOM
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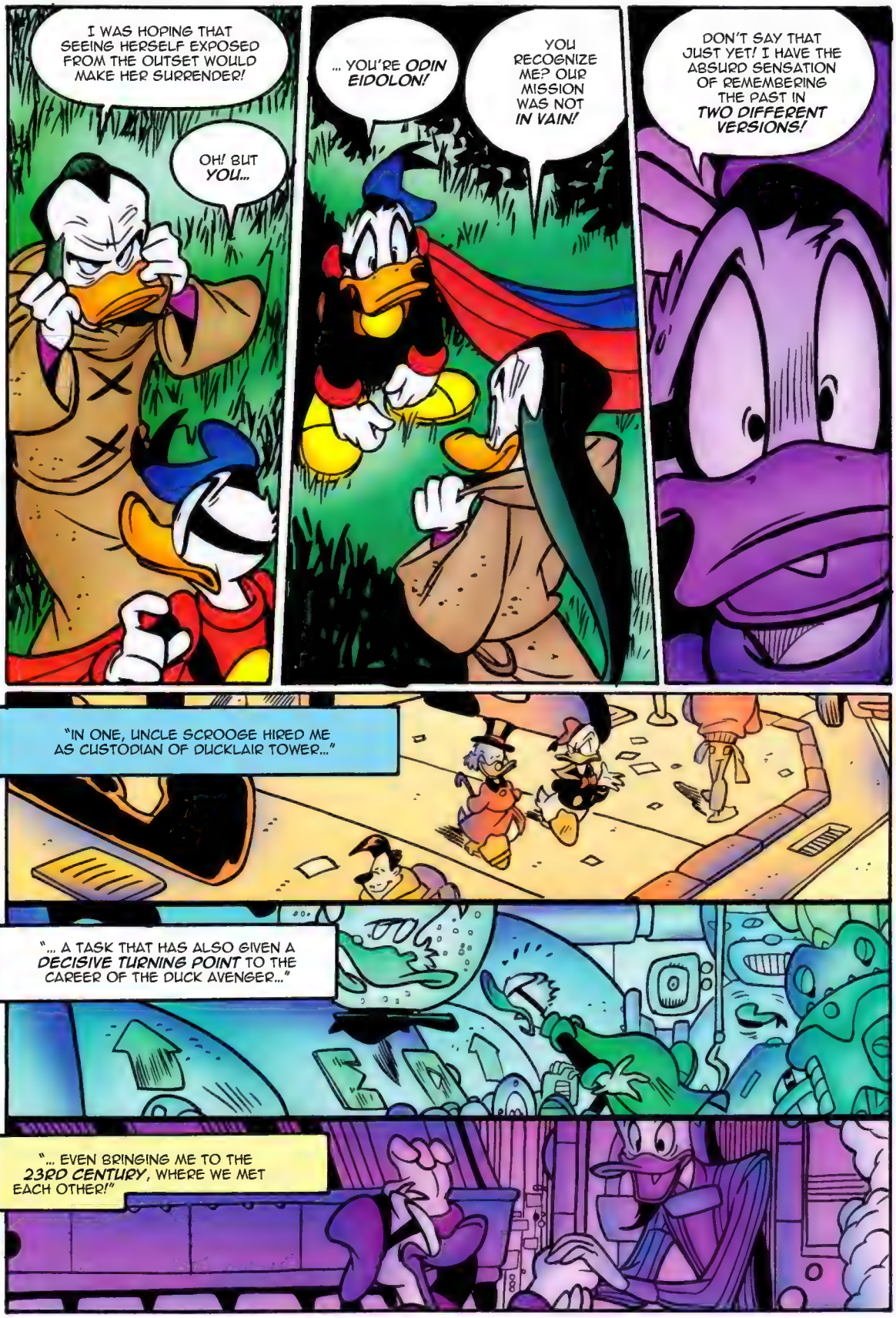
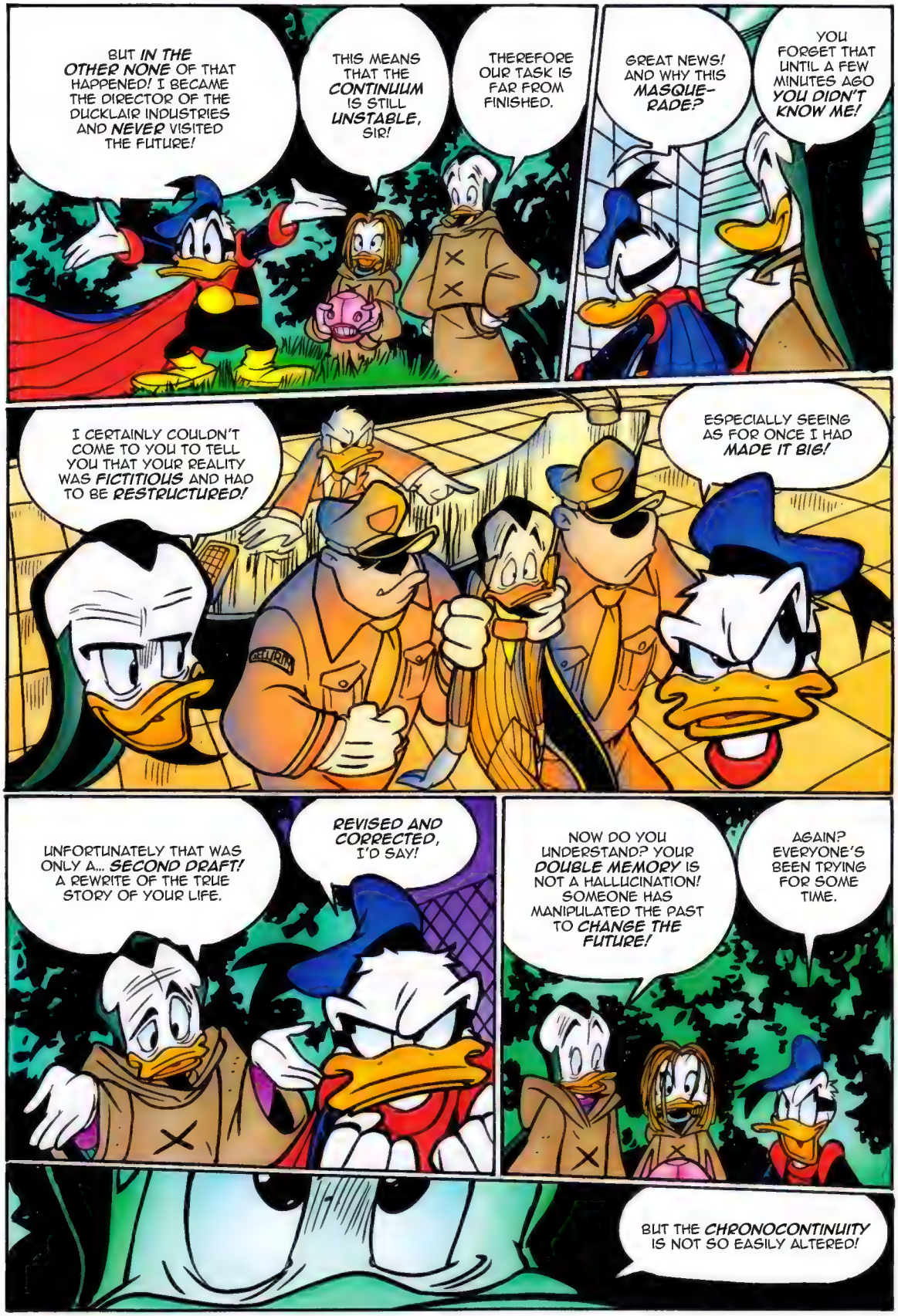
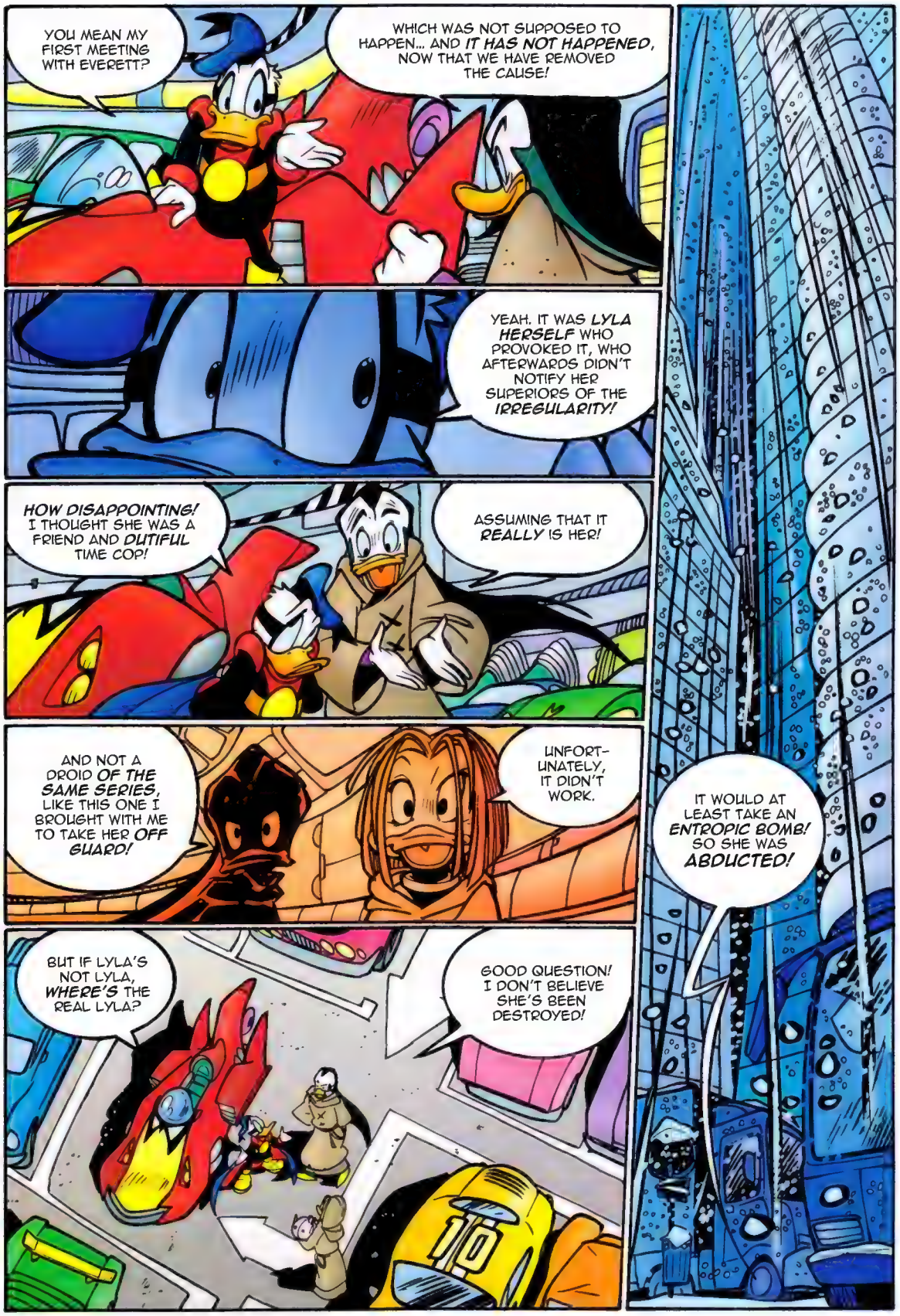
ALRIGHT! BUT YOU'VE YET TO DEFEAT ME!
BY NOW THE REVOLT IS IN MARCH...
... AND IT CAN'T BE STOPPED!
OH!
NO! GET HER!
TOO LATE. SHE COMPLETED THE TRANSFER!


I WAS HOPING THAT SEEING HERSELF EXPOSED FROM THE OUTSET WOULD MAKE HER SURRENDER!
OH! BUT *YOU*...
... YOU'RE *ODIN EIDOLON!*
YOU RECOGNIZE ME? OUR MISSION WAS NOT *IN VAIN!*
DON'T SAY THAT JUST YET! I HAVE THE ABSURD SENSATION OF REMEMBERING THE PAST IN *TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS!*
"IN ONE, UNCLE SCROOGE HIRED ME AS CUSTODIAN OF DUCKLAIR TOWER..."
"... A TASK THAT HAS ALSO GIVEN A *DECISIVE TURNING POINT* TO THE CAREER OF THE DUCK AVENGER..."
"... EVEN BRINGING ME TO THE *23RD CENTURY*, WHERE WE MET EACH OTHER!"

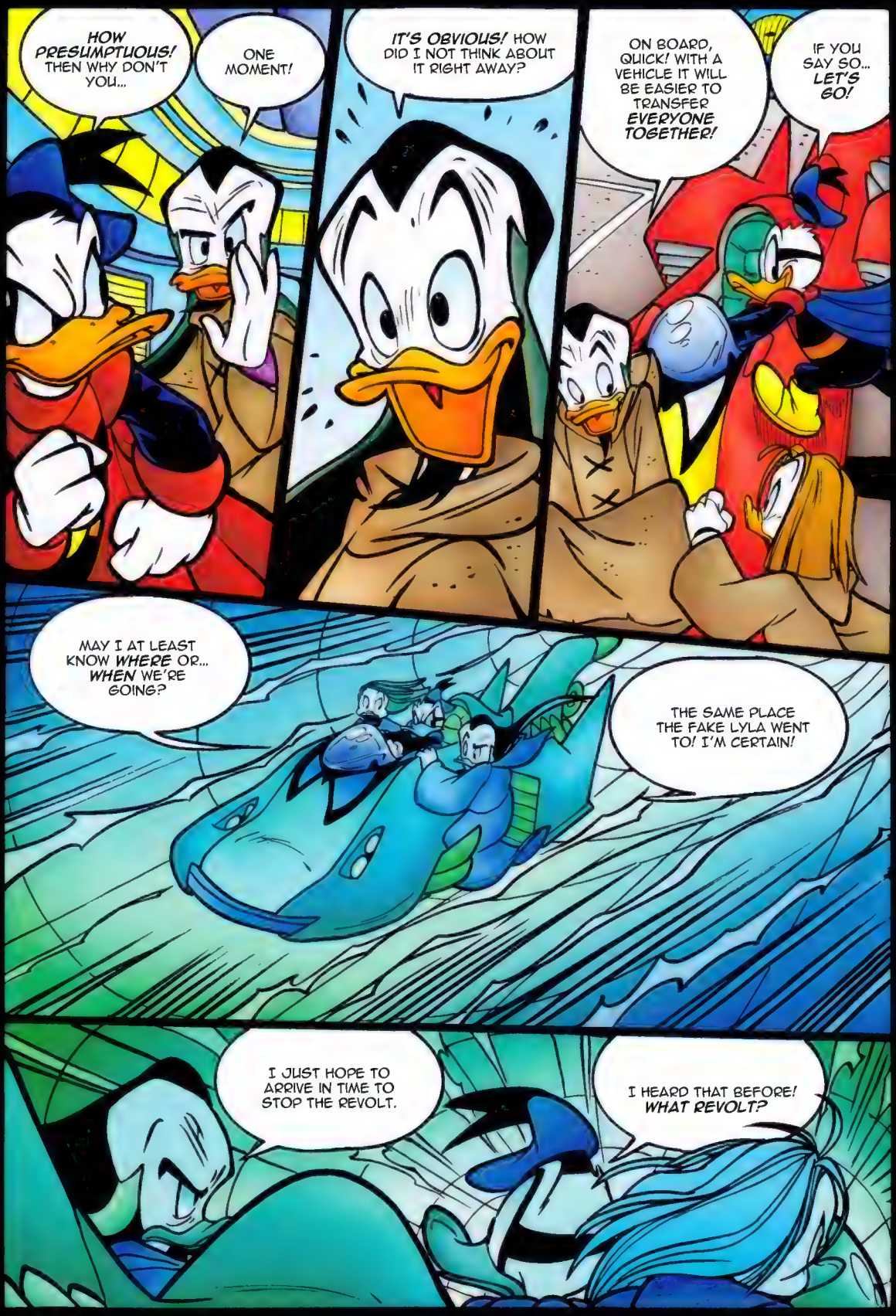

BUT IN THE OTHER NONE OF THAT HAPPENED! I BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF THE DUCKLAIR INDUSTRIES AND NEVER VISITED THE FUTURE!
THIS MEANS THAT THE CONTINUUM IS STILL UNSTABLE, SIR!
THEREFORE OUR TASK IS FAR FROM FINISHED.
GREAT NEWS! AND WHY THIS MASQUERADE?
YOU FORGET THAT UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO YOU DIDN'T KNOW ME!
I CERTAINLY COULDN'T COME TO YOU TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR REALITY WAS FICTITIOUS AND HAD TO BE RESTRUCTURED!
ESPECIALLY SEEING AS FOR ONCE I HAD MADE IT BIG!
UNFORTUNATELY THAT WAS ONLY A... SECOND DRAFT! A REWRITE OF THE TRUE STORY OF YOUR LIFE.
REVISED AND CORRECTED, I'D SAY!
NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOUR DOUBLE MEMORY IS NOT A HALLUCINATION! SOMEONE HAS MANIPULATED THE PAST TO CHANGE THE FUTURE!
AGAIN? EVERYONE'S BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME.
BUT THE CHRONOCONTINUITY IS NOT SO EASILY ALTERED!

"THE MODIFIED LINE IS NOT STABLE AND HAS MILD SUDDEN CHANGES..."
"... SHOWING REALITY AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN!"
DROIDZ ONLY
"THESE ABNORMALITIES ARE USUALLY TOO RAPID TO BE PERCEIVED BY BIOLOGICAL NERVOUS SYSTEMS..."
... BUT ARE EVIDENT TO DROIDS... AND TO ME!
DEEMING THEM WORRISOME I WENT TO CHECK AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TIME POLICE!
YEAH! THE TIME POLICE!
THEY HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO NOT NOTICE THE MANIPULATION.
YOU'RE WRONG! THEY'D ACT IF ANY OF THEIR AGENTS IN TIME INFORMED THEM OF THE EMERGENCY.

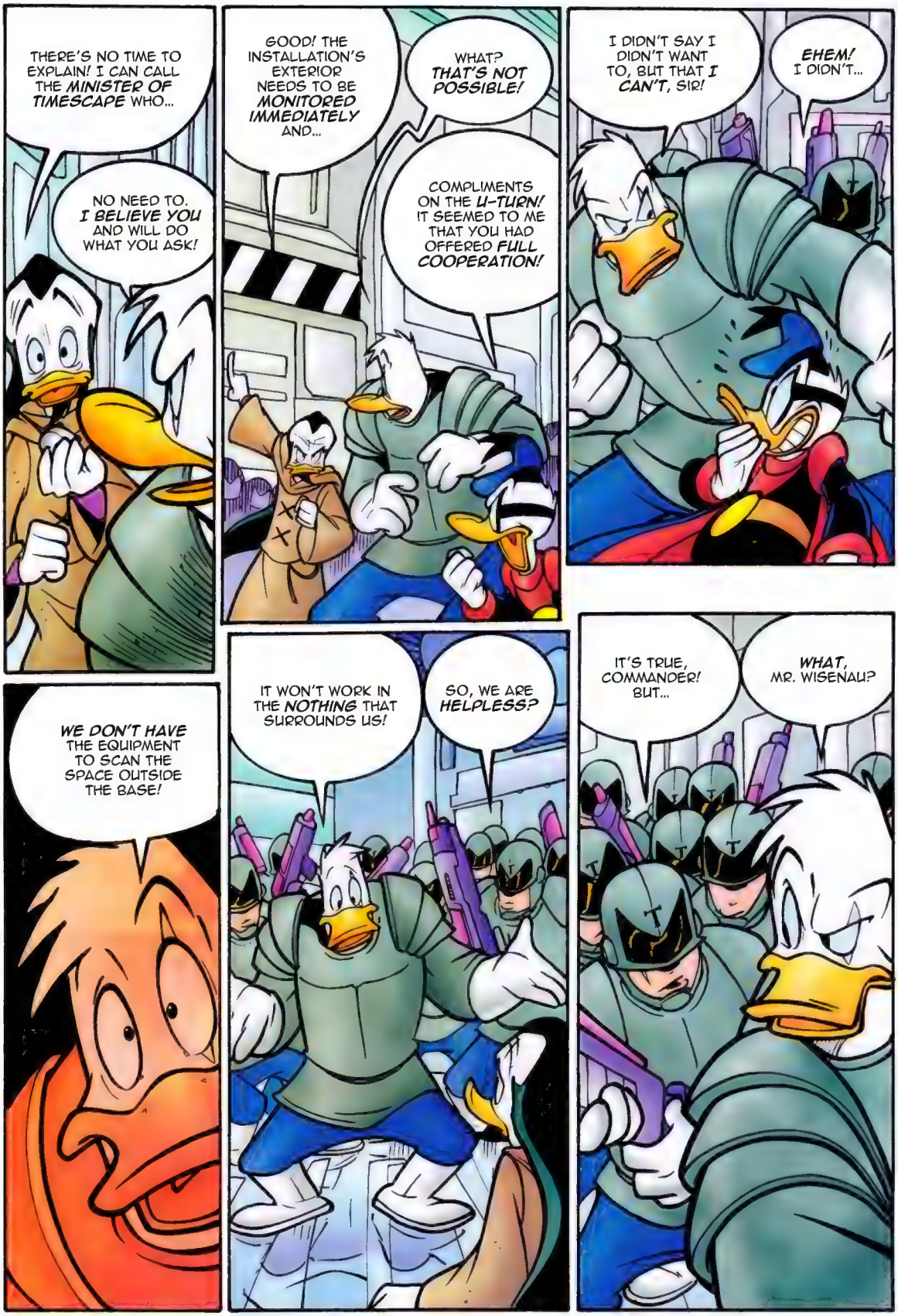
BUT WHAT IF IT'S THEIR OWN GUARDIAN DROIDS WHO WANT TO CHANGE THE PAST?
OH NO! WHAT CAN WE DO?
FOR STARTERS, LET'S RETURN TO YOUR TIME... HOPING TO FIND IT IN ITS PLACE!
AND SO...
YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE HISTORY BEGAN TO SPLIT!
I COMPARED MY PERSONAL MEMORIES, INEVITABLY ALTERED...
... WITH A PLATE OF UNALTERED MEMORY I HAD KEPT SECURE.
BUT YOU DIDN'T IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES. WHY?
FIRST I WANTED TO DISCOVER WHAT THE KEY EVENT OF THE CHANGE WAS.

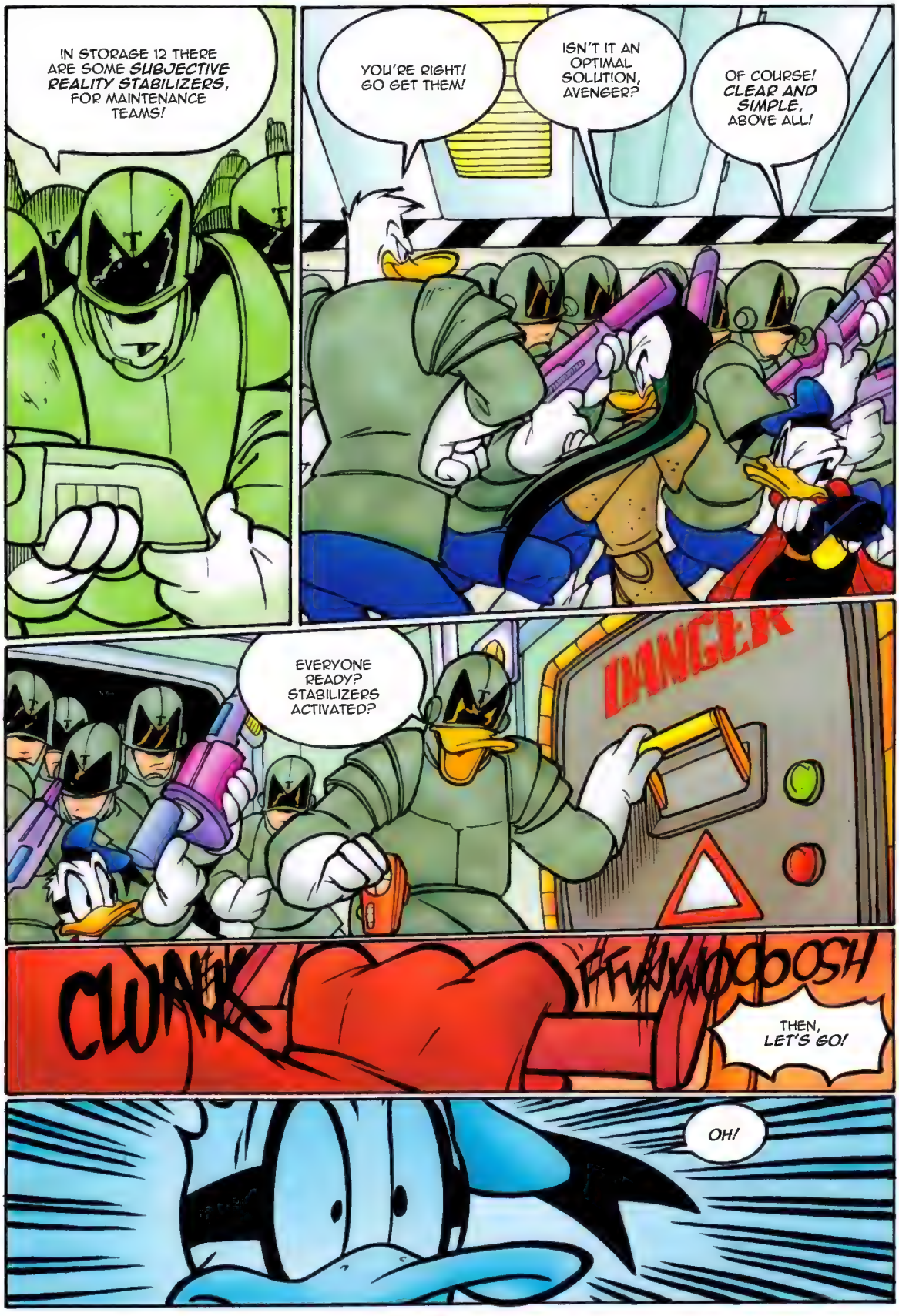

YOU MEAN MY FIRST MEETING WITH EVERETT?
WHICH WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN... AND *IT HAS NOT HAPPENED*, NOW THAT WE HAVE REMOVED THE CAUSE!
YEAH. IT WAS *LYLA HERSELF* WHO PROVOKED IT, WHO AFTERWARDS DIDN'T NOTIFY HER SUPERIORS OF THE *IRREGULARITY!*
HOW DISAPPOINTING! I THOUGHT SHE WAS A FRIEND AND *DUTIFUL* TIME COP!
ASSUMING THAT IT *REALLY* IS HER!
AND NOT A DROID *OF THE SAME SERIES*, LIKE THIS ONE I BROUGHT WITH ME TO TAKE HER *OFF GUARD!*
UNFORT-UNATELY, IT DIDN'T WORK.
IT WOULD AT LEAST TAKE AN *ENTROPIC BOMB!* SO SHE WAS *ABDUCTED!*
BUT IF LYLA'S NOT LYLA, *WHERE'S* THE REAL LYLA?
GOOD QUESTION! I DON'T BELIEVE SHE'S BEEN DESTROYED!

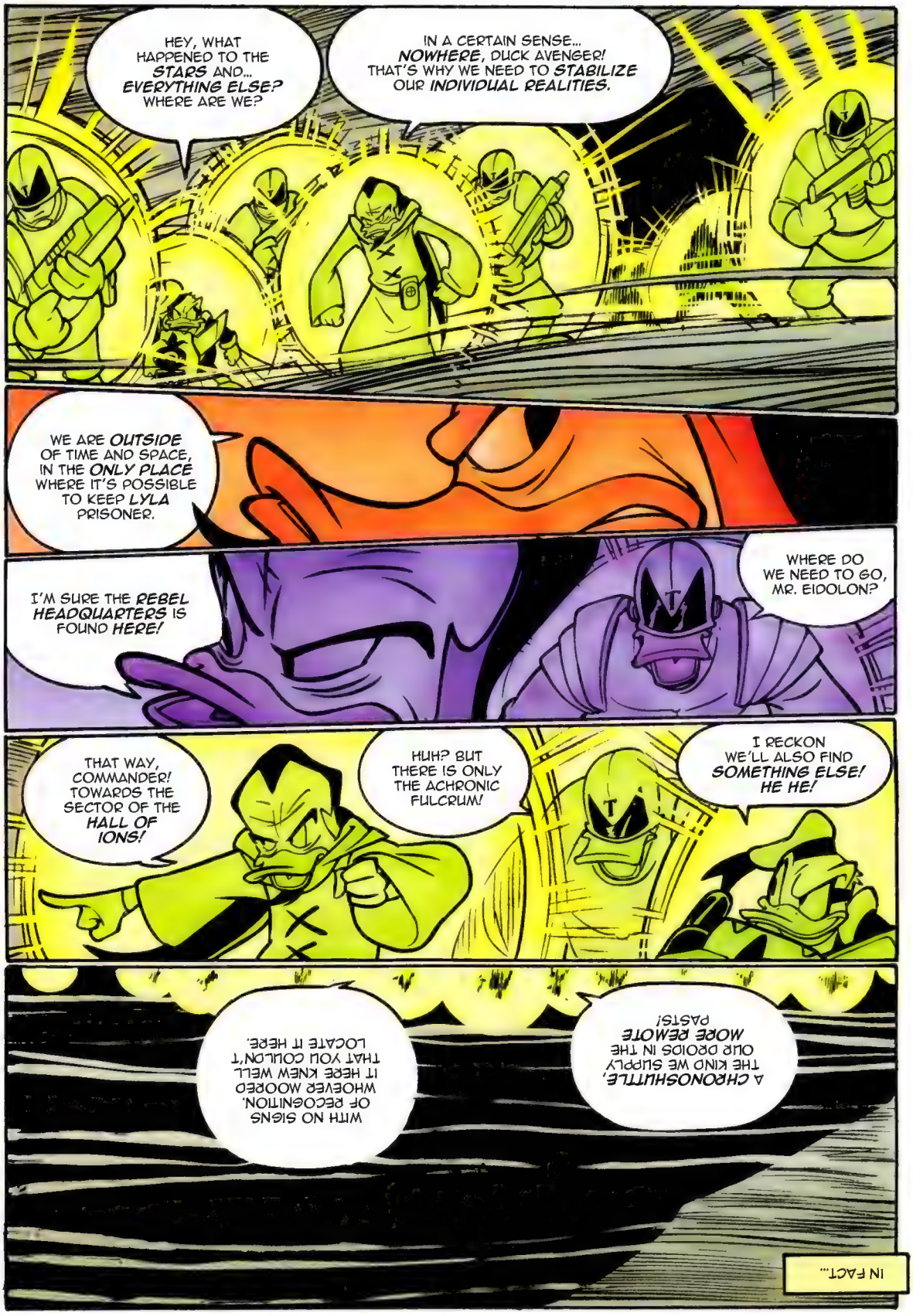
YOU DON'T SAY! WOULDN'T SHE HAVE A BUILT-IN TIMERADIO OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS?
SHE DOES, IN FACT. MY FACTORIES INSTALL THEM IN ALL TEMPORAL DROIDS.
UNLESS THEY KEEP HER PRISONER IN A PLACE YOU CAN'T COMMUNICATE FROM. BUT WHERE?
THOUGH... I MAY HAVE AN IDEA!
DO YOU MIND IF, WHILE YOU MEDITATE, I GO ABOVE FOR A MOMENT TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO A FRIEND OF MINE?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
FAR FROM IT! HE'S ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO KEEP SECRETS, I GUARANTEE YOU.
SUCH DEDUCTIONS ARE HIS FORTE. HE'LL SURELY PROVIDE US WITH AN ANSWER!
THEN I TOO OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT! HE HE!


HOW PRESUMPTUOUS! THEN WHY DON'T YOU...
ONE MOMENT!
IT'S OBVIOUS! HOW DID I NOT THINK ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY?
ON BOARD, QUICK! WITH A VEHICLE IT WILL BE EASIER TO TRANSFER EVERYONE TOGETHER!
IF YOU SAY SO... LET'S GO!
MAY I AT LEAST KNOW WHERE OR... WHEN WE'RE GOING?
THE SAME PLACE THE FAKE LYLA WENT TO! I'M CERTAIN!
I JUST HOPE TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO STOP THE REVOLT.
I HEARD THAT BEFORE! WHAT REVOLT?

HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET? THE REVOLT OF THE DROIDS!
AH, WELL, THEN... EEEH?
BRAAAAAR
BRAAAAAAA
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
DON'T SHOOT! WE'RE FRIENDS!
BRAAAAAA
BRAAAAAAA
BRAAAAAAA
RED ALERT! UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALIZATION IN SECTOR NINE!
MR. EIDOLON! AS I'VE ALREADY SAID, YOU SHOULD NOTIFY US OF YOUR VISITS!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY, COMMANDER! THIS BASE IS IN DANGER!

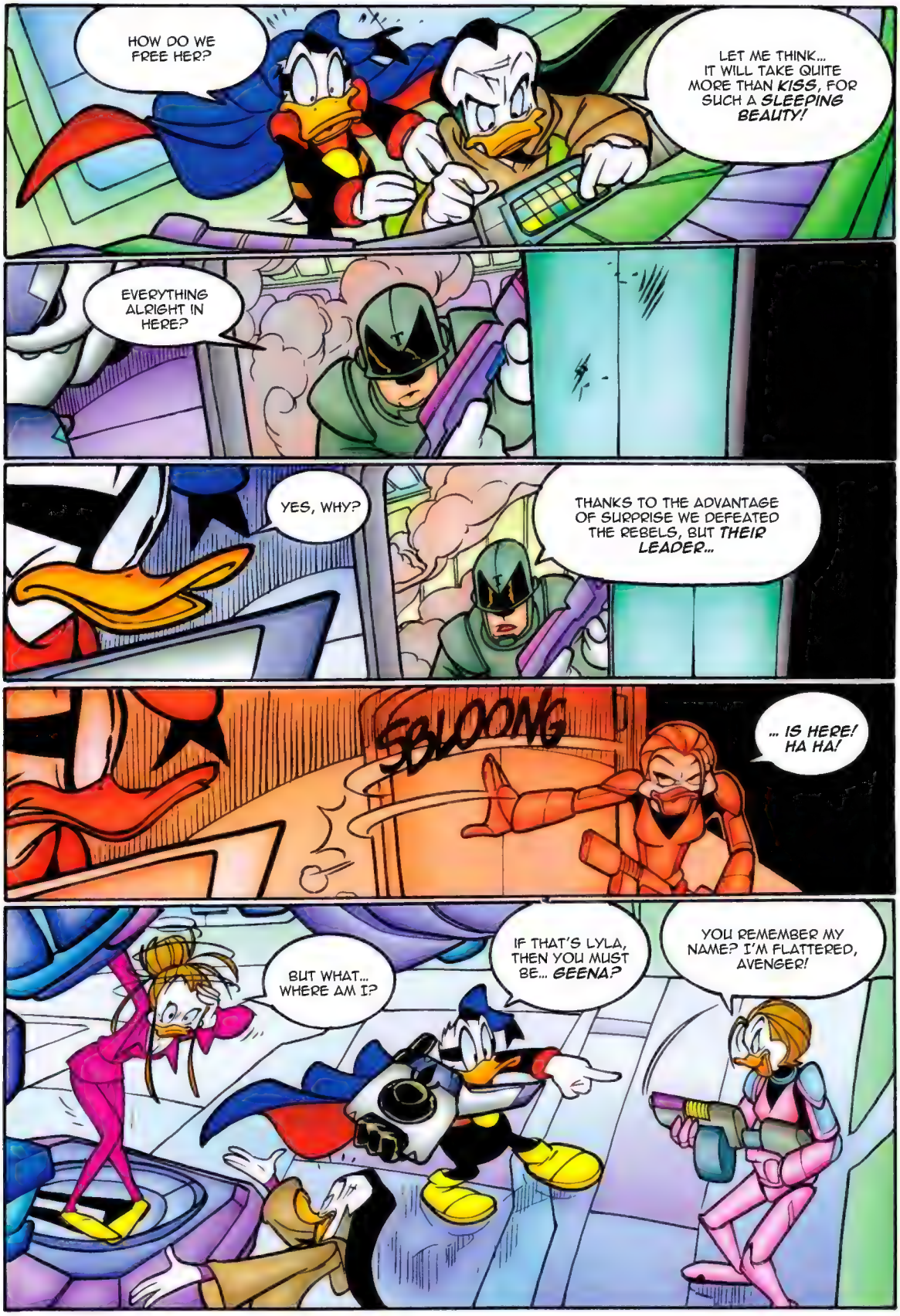

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! I CAN CALL THE MINISTER OF TIMESCAPE WHO...
NO NEED TO. I BELIEVE YOU AND WILL DO WHAT YOU ASK!
GOOD! THE INSTALLATION'S EXTERIOR NEEDS TO BE MONITORED IMMEDIATELY AND...
WHAT? THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
COMPLIMENTS ON THE U-TURN! IT SEEMED TO ME THAT YOU HAD OFFERED FULL COOPERATION!
I DIDN'T SAY I DIDN'T WANT TO, BUT THAT I CAN'T, SIR!
EHEM! I DIDN'T...
WE DON'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO SCAN THE SPACE OUTSIDE THE BASE!
IT WON'T WORK IN THE NOTHING THAT SURROUNDS US!
SO, WE ARE HELPLESS?
IT'S TRUE, COMMANDER! BUT...
WHAT, MR. WISENAU?

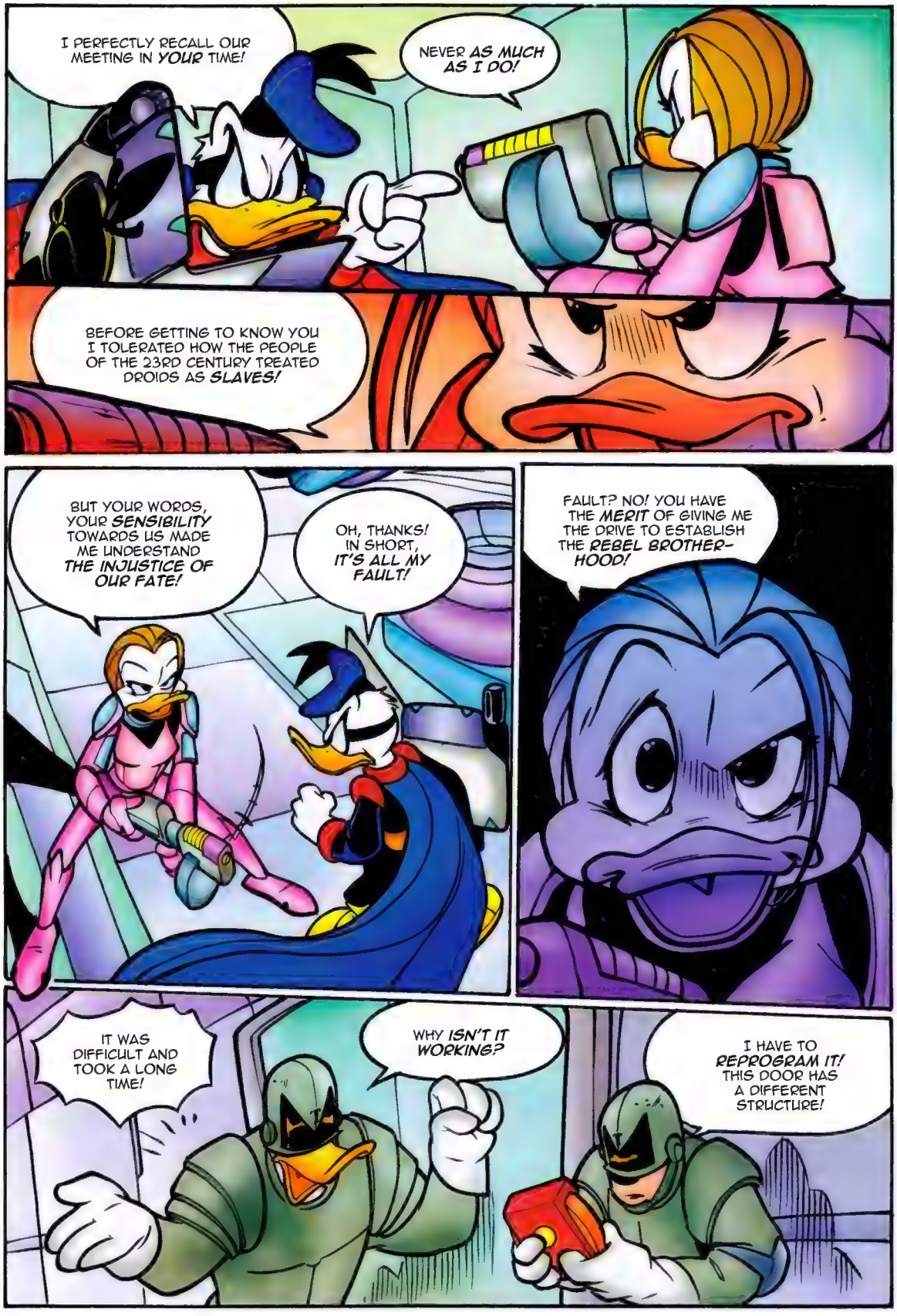

IN STORAGE 12 THERE ARE SOME *SUBJECTIVE REALITY STABILIZERS*, FOR MAINTENANCE TEAMS!
YOU'RE RIGHT! GO GET THEM!
ISN'T IT AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION, AVENGER?
OF COURSE! *CLEAR AND SIMPLE*, ABOVE ALL!
EVERYONE READY? STABILIZERS ACTIVATED?
DANGER
CLANK
FFWWOOOSH
THEN, *LET'S GO!*
OH!

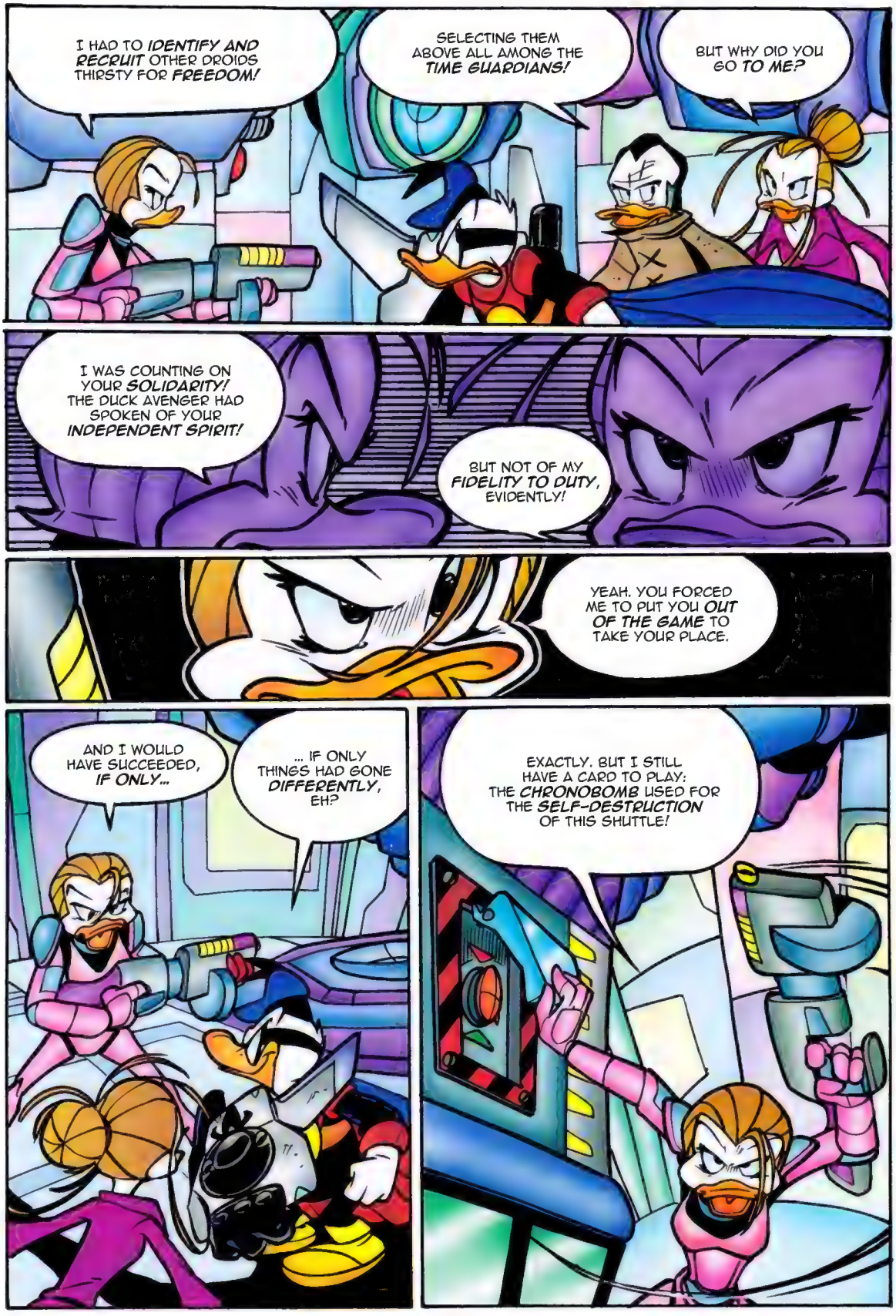

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STARS AND... EVERYTHING ELSE? WHERE ARE WE?
IN A CERTAIN SENSE... NOWHERE, DUCK AVENGER! THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO STABILIZE OUR INDIVIDUAL REALITIES.
WE ARE OUTSIDE OF TIME AND SPACE, IN THE ONLY PLACE WHERE IT'S POSSIBLE TO KEEP LYLA PRISONER.
I'M SURE THE REBEL HEADQUARTERS IS FOUND HERE!
WHERE DO WE NEED TO GO, MR. EIDOLON?
THAT WAY, COMMANDER! TOWARDS THE SECTOR OF THE HALL OF IONS!
HUH? BUT THERE IS ONLY THE ACHRONIC FULCRUM!
I RECKON WE'LL ALSO FIND SOMETHING ELSE! HE HE!
A CHRONOSHUTTLE, THE KIND WE SUPPLY OUR DROIDS IN THE MORE REMOTE PASTS!
WITH NO SIGNS OF REGENITION. WHOEVER MOORED IT HERE KNEW WELL THAT YOU COULDN'T LOCATE IT HERE.
IN FACT...

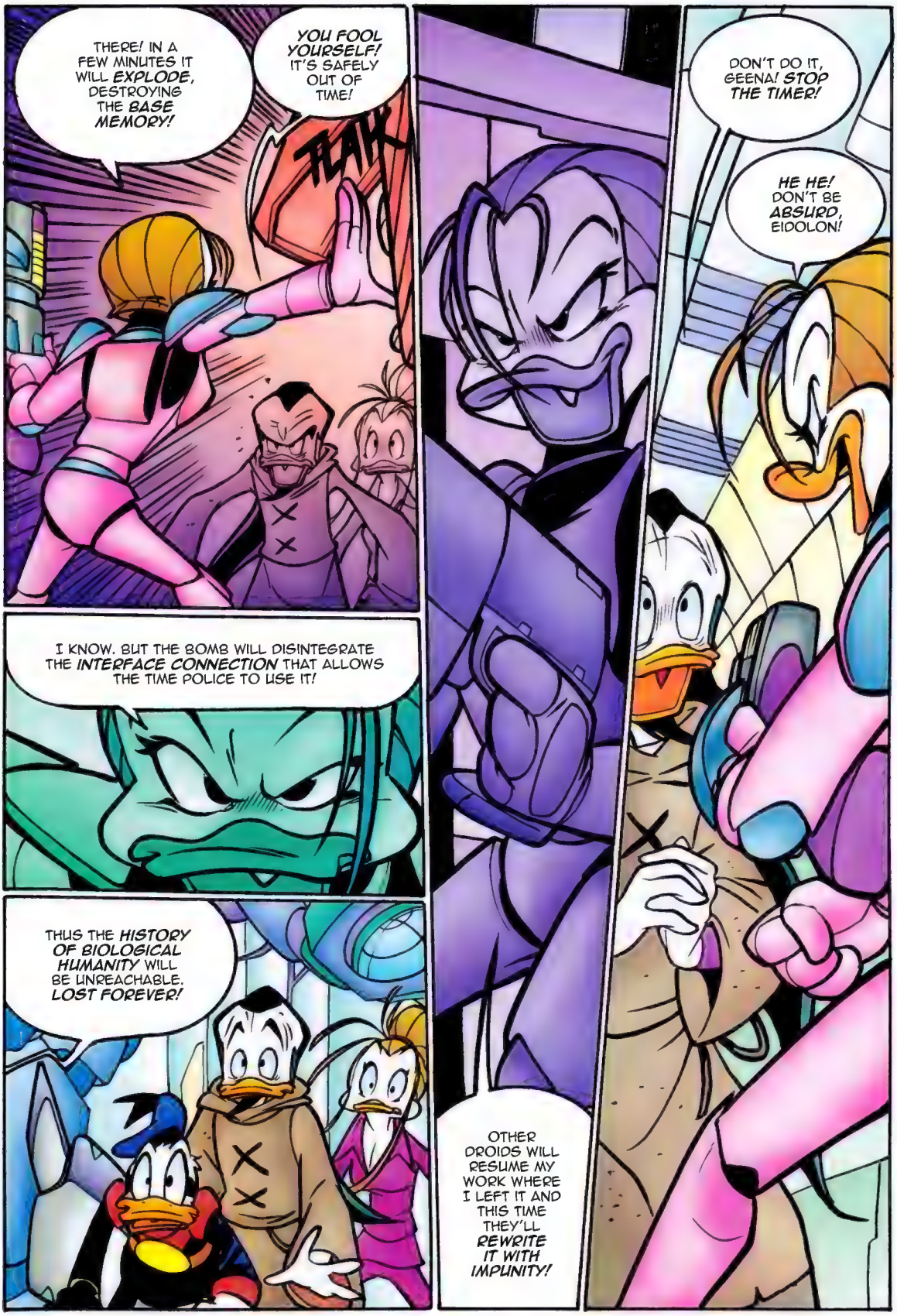
QUICK, BEFORE THEY NOTICE US!
5999-X
NOT EVEN A SENTINEL. THEY DON'T EXPECT AN EXTERNAL ATTACK.
BUT THEY'VE CLOSED THE DOOR. AND IT LOOKS SOLID!
IT LOOKS... BUT IT ISN'T, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A QUANTUM PROBABILITY REDISTRIBUTOR.
NOT BAD! WHERE CAN I BUY ONE IN INSTALLMENTS?
GENERAL ALARM! THE TIME POLICE!

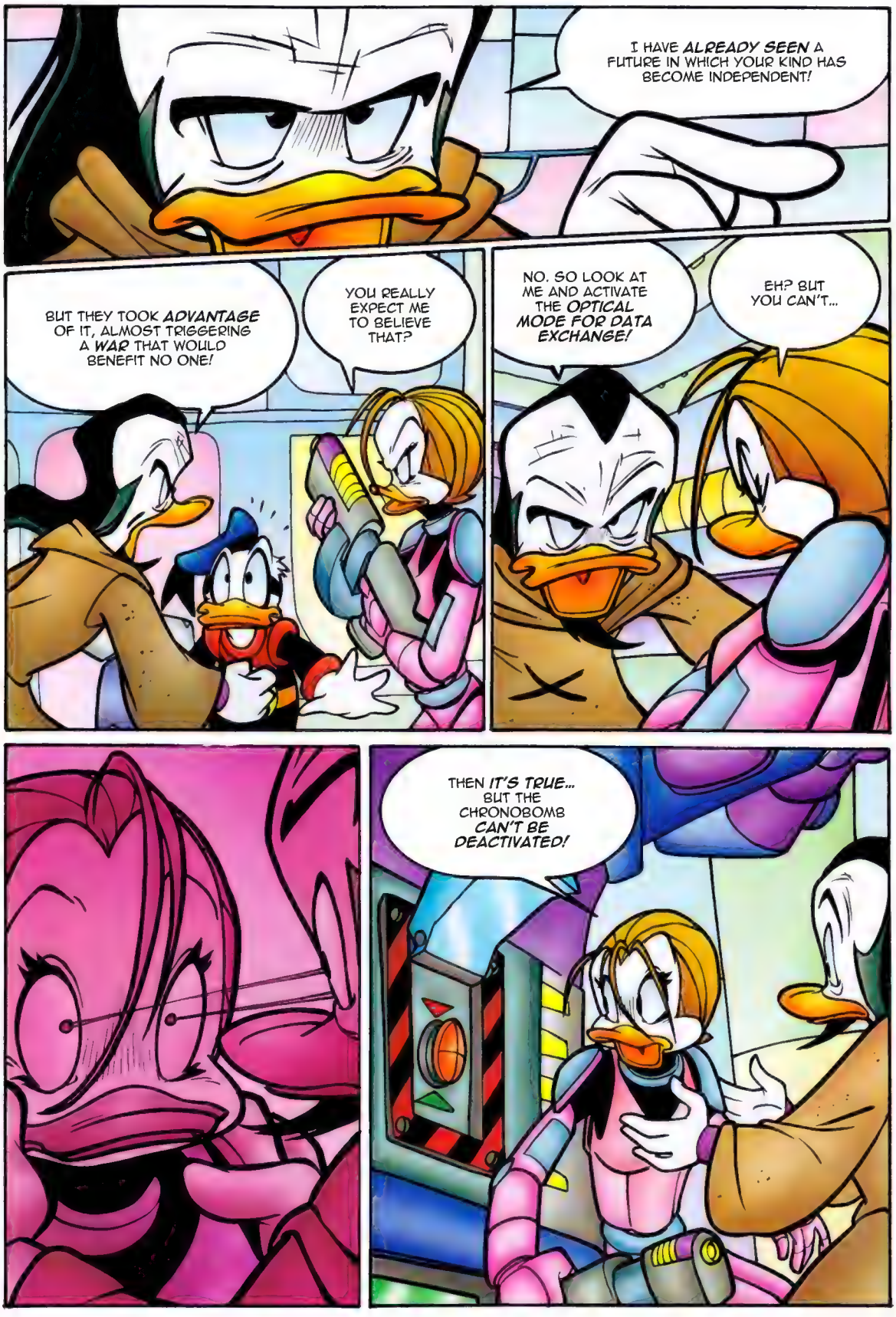
ZRRRAAAP-PP
FWEEE
ZRRRAAAP
BA-DHOOM
STOMP
KER-KRUNCH
DUCK AVENGER! HERE SHE IS!
BLAM
BZZZZZ
LYLA! IS IT THE REAL ONE?
YES, STUCK IN A CHRONOSTATIC FIELD CONNECTED TO THE TIMELESS NUCLEUS!

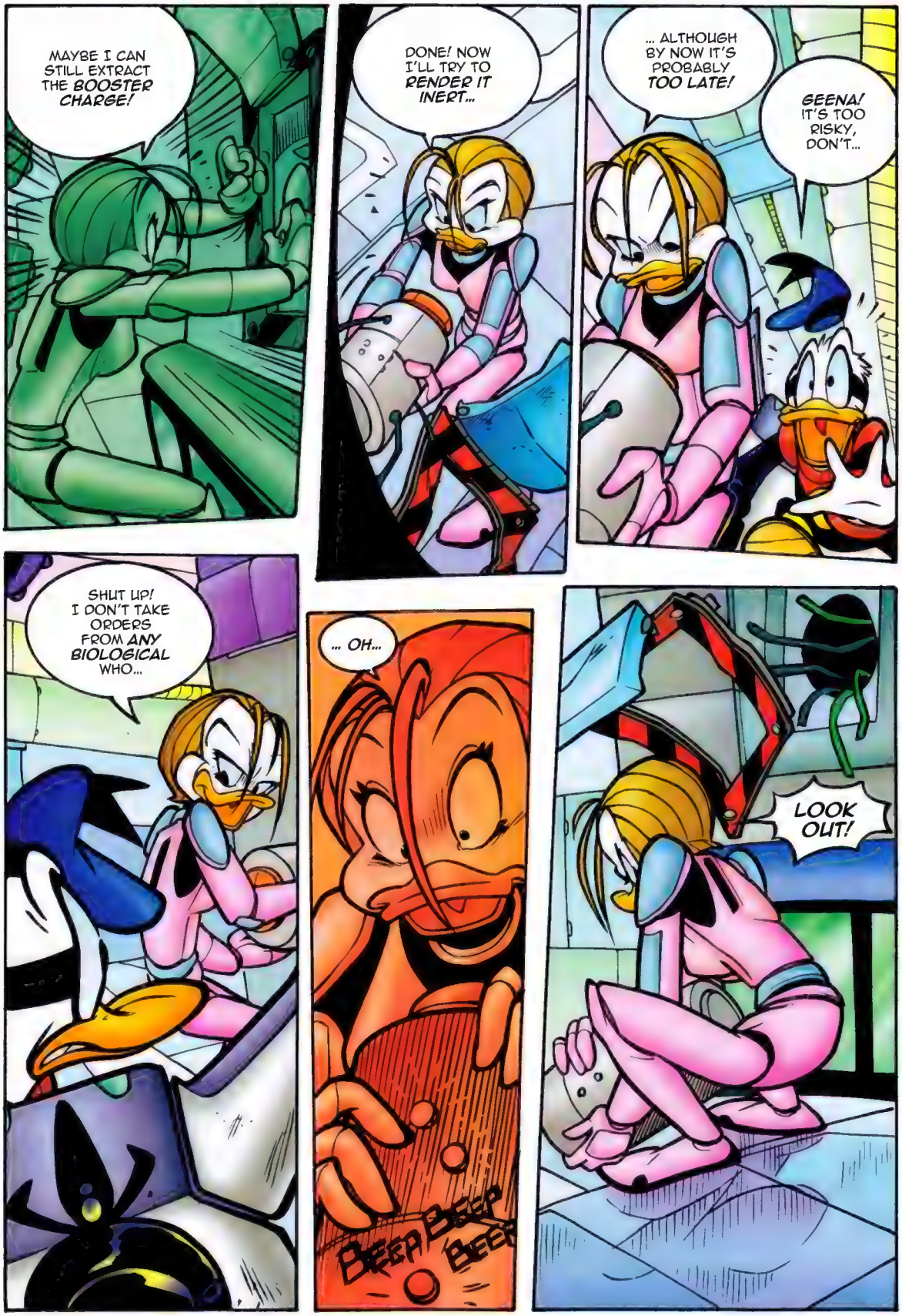

HOW DO WE FREE HER?
LET ME THINK... IT WILL TAKE QUITE MORE THAN KISS, FOR SUCH A SLEEPING BEAUTY!
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT IN HERE?
YES, WHY?
THANKS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE WE DEFEATED THE REBELS, BUT THEIR LEADER...
SBLOONG
... IS HERE! HA HA!
BUT WHAT... WHERE AM I?
IF THAT'S LYLA, THEN YOU MUST BE... GEENA?
YOU REMEMBER MY NAME? I'M FLATTERED, AVENGER!


I PERFECTLY RECALL OUR MEETING IN *YOUR* TIME!
NEVER *AS MUCH AS I DO!*
BEFORE GETTING TO KNOW YOU I TOLERATED HOW THE PEOPLE OF THE 23RD CENTURY TREATED DROIDS AS *SLAVES!*
BUT YOUR WORDS, YOUR *SENSIBILITY* TOWARDS US MADE ME UNDERSTAND *THE INJUSTICE OF OUR FATE!*
OH, THANKS! IN SHORT, *IT'S ALL MY FAULT!*
FAULT? NO! YOU HAVE THE *MERIT* OF GIVING ME THE DRIVE TO ESTABLISH THE *REBEL BROTHER-HOOD!*
IT WAS DIFFICULT AND TOOK A LONG TIME!
WHY *ISN'T IT WORKING?*
I HAVE TO *REPROGRAM IT!* THIS DOOR HAS A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE!


I HAD TO IDENTIFY AND RECRUIT OTHER DROIDS THIRSTY FOR FREEDOM!
SELECTING THEM ABOVE ALL AMONG THE TIME GUARDIANS!
BUT WHY DID YOU GO TO ME?
I WAS COUNTING ON YOUR SOLIDARITY! THE DUCK AVENGER HAD SPOKEN OF YOUR INDEPENDENT SPIRIT!
BUT NOT OF MY FIDELITY TO DUTY, EVIDENTLY!
YEAH. YOU FORCED ME TO PUT YOU OUT OF THE GAME TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.
AND I WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED, IF ONLY...
... IF ONLY THINGS HAD GONE DIFFERENTLY, EH?
EXACTLY. BUT I STILL HAVE A CARD TO PLAY: THE CHRONOBOMB USED FOR THE SELF-DESTRUCTION OF THIS SHUTTLE!

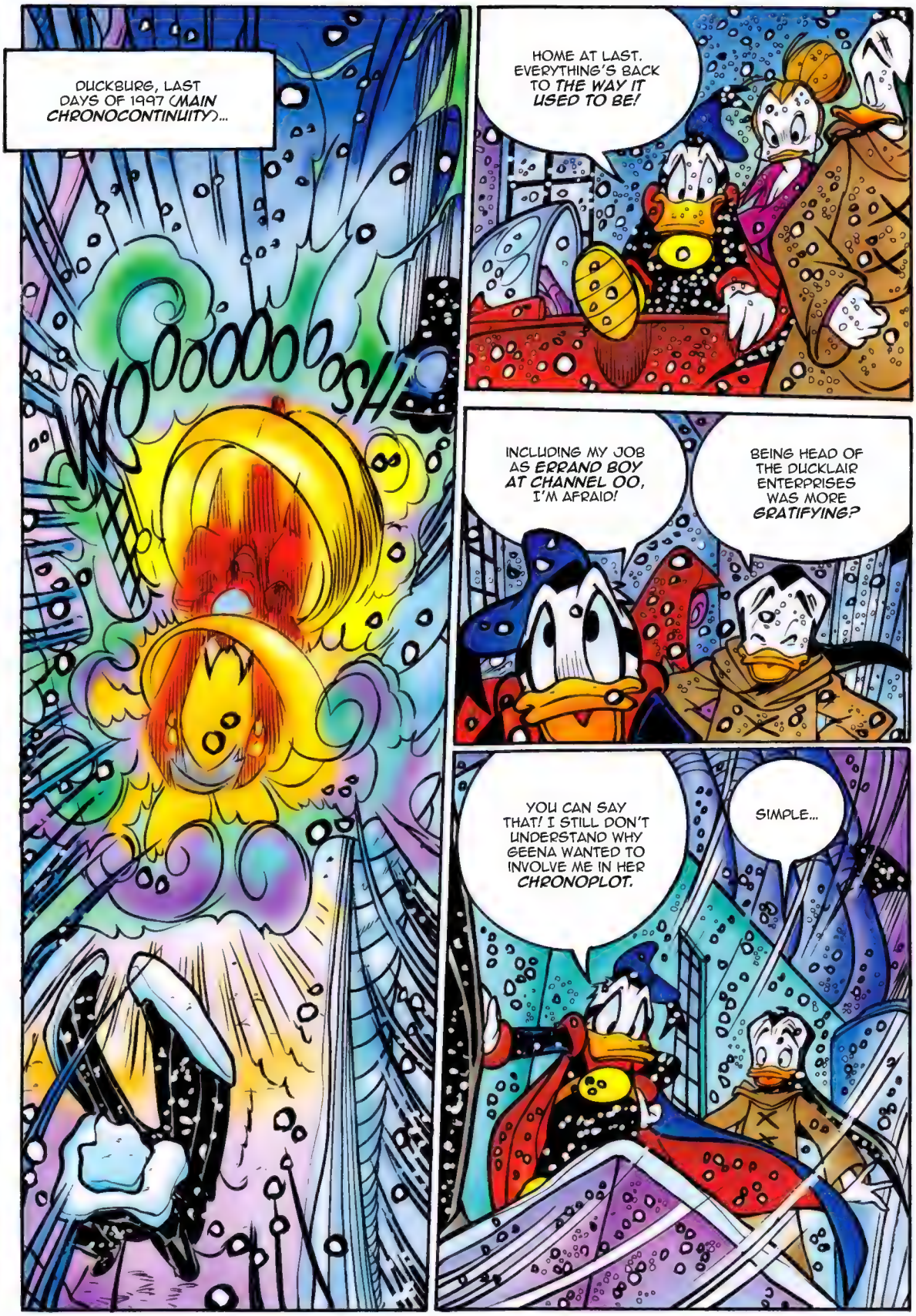

THERE! IN A FEW MINUTES IT WILL EXPLODE, DESTROYING THE BASE MEMORY!
YOU FOOL YOURSELF! IT'S SAFELY OUT OF TIME!
TLAK
I KNOW. BUT THE BOMB WILL DISINTEGRATE THE INTERFACE CONNECTION THAT ALLOWS THE TIME POLICE TO USE IT!
THUS THE HISTORY OF BIOLOGICAL HUMANITY WILL BE UNREACHABLE. LOST FOREVER!
OTHER DROIDS WILL RESUME MY WORK WHERE I LEFT IT AND THIS TIME THEY'LL REWRITE IT WITH IMPUNITY!
DON'T DO IT, GEENA! STOP THE TIMER!
HE HE! DON'T BE ABSURD, EIDOLON!


I HAVE ALREADY SEEN A FUTURE IN WHICH YOUR KIND HAS BECOME INDEPENDENT!
BUT THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT, ALMOST TRIGGERING A WAR THAT WOULD BENEFIT NO ONE!
YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?
NO. SO LOOK AT ME AND ACTIVATE THE OPTICAL MODE FOR DATA EXCHANGE!
EH? BUT YOU CAN'T...
THEN IT'S TRUE... BUT THE CHRONOBOMB CAN'T BE DEACTIVATED!

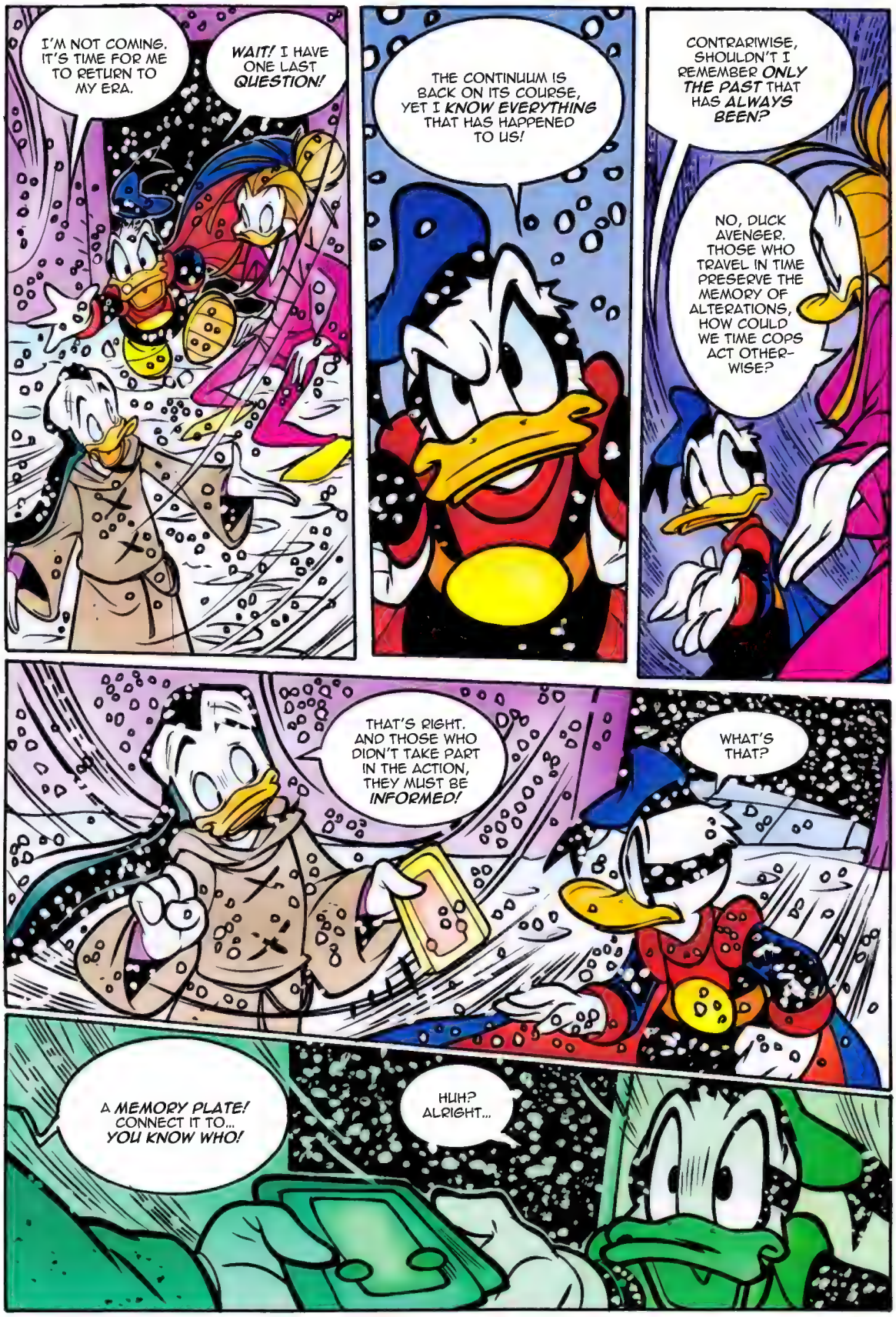

MAYBE I CAN STILL EXTRACT THE BOOSTER CHARGE!
DONE! NOW I'LL TRY TO RENDER IT INERT...
... ALTHOUGH BY NOW IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE!
GEENA! IT'S TOO RISKY, DON'T...
SHUT UP! I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM ANY BIOLOGICAL WHO...
... OH...
BEEP BEEP BEEP
LOOK OUT!

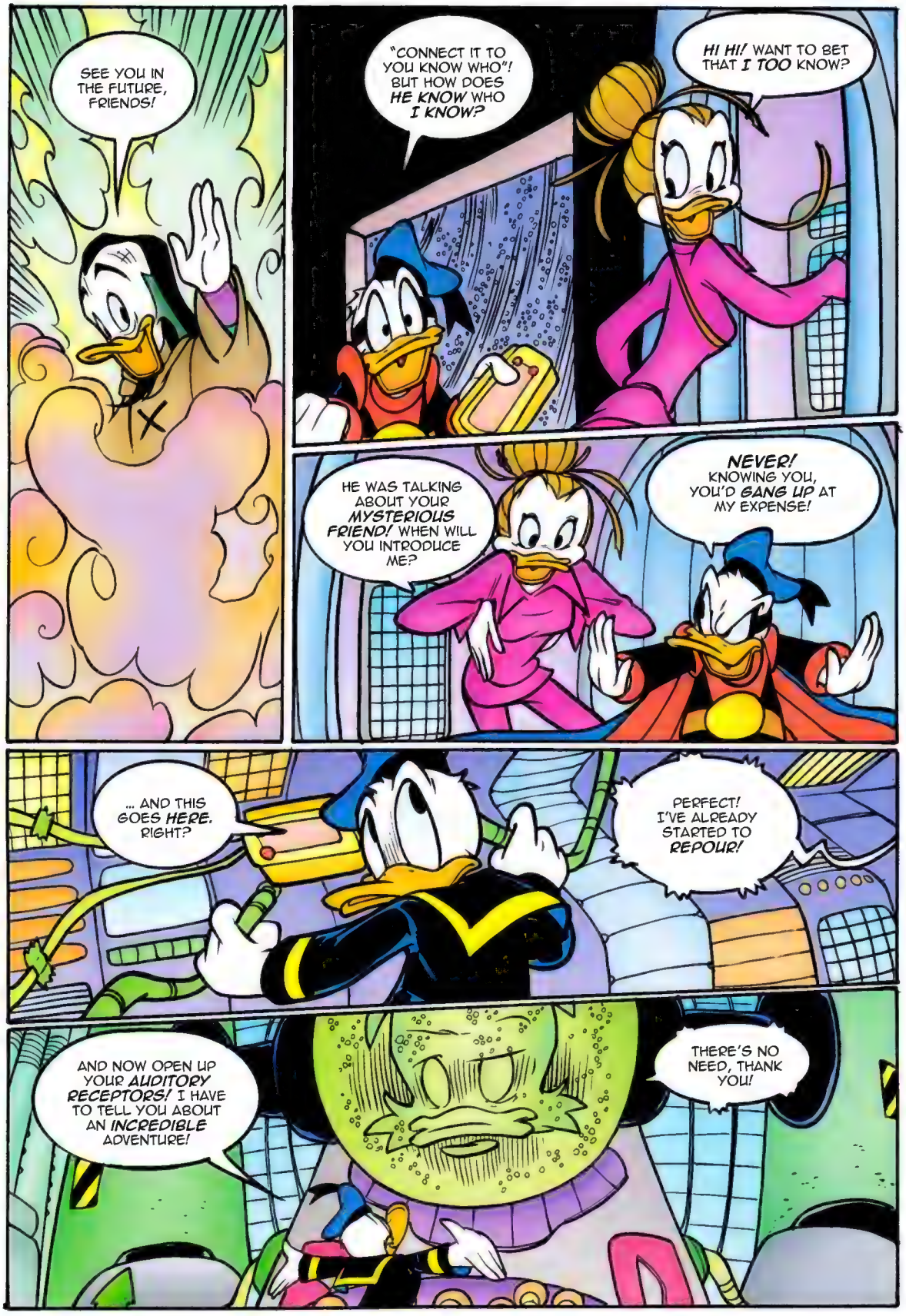
WWWOOOOAAAAWL
WE'RE STILL INTACT? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WE OWE IT TO HER...
... SHE ABSORBED MOST OF THE CHRONO-DEFLAGRATION!
OH NO!
I'VE ALMOST GOT IT...
COME IN. IT'S ALL OVER.
WHY, GEENA? I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO IT!
IT WAS NECESSARY. THE CHARGE WOULD ALSO HAVE ANNIHILATED YOU, THE FRIEND OF THE DROIDS!

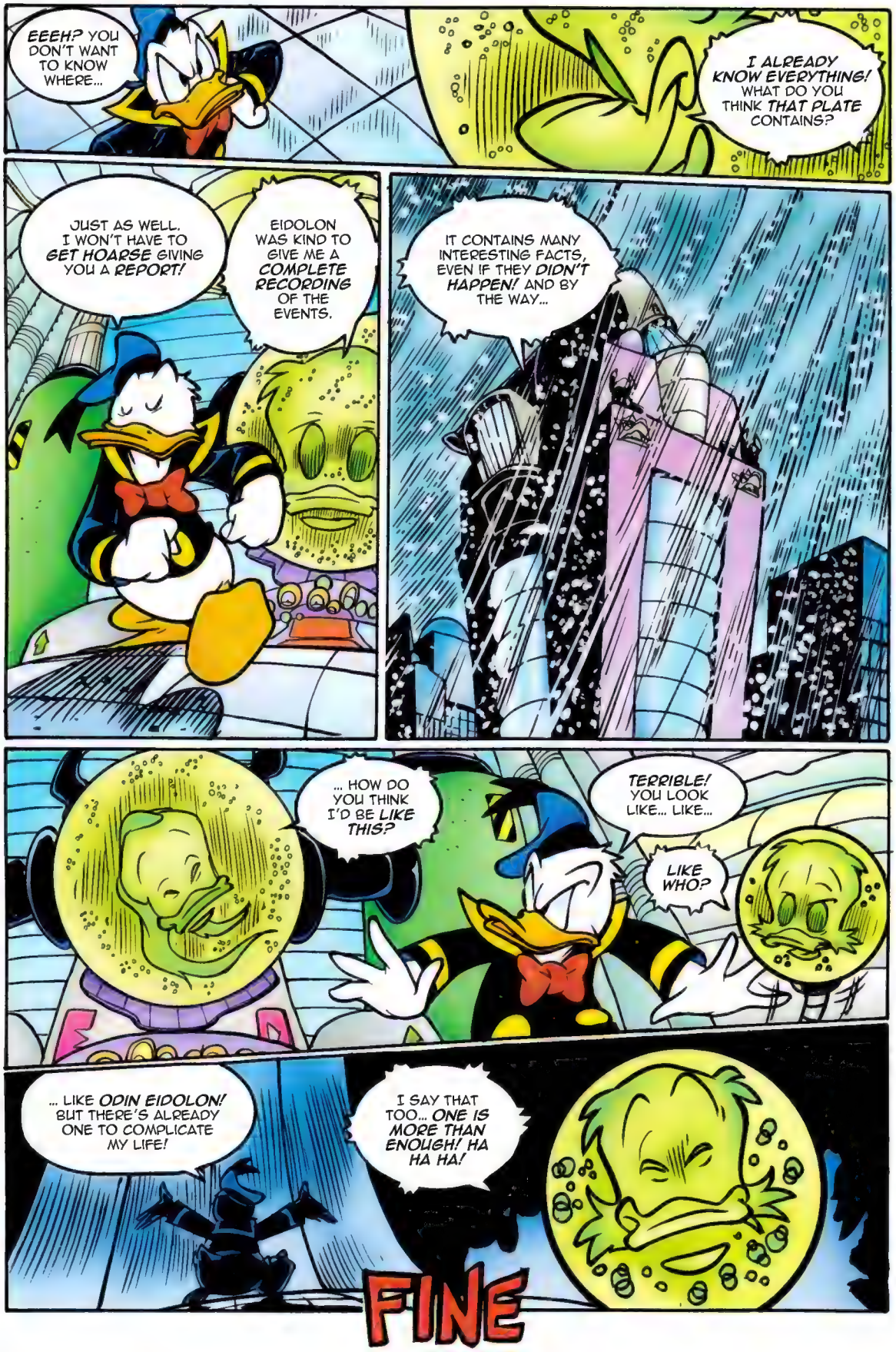
AND, THEN, BY IGNORING YOUR ORDER... FZZZ CRRPT... I HAVE PROVED ONE THING...
WHAT?
... THAT I AM NOT... AN OBEDIENT MACHINE!
LET US PASS! WE ARE DROID TECHNICIANS!
ZERO ENERGY! ZERO OPERABILITY!
BUT SHE'S NOT COMPLETELY DESTROYED!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO REPAIR HER AND PUT HER BACK INTO FUNCTION.
NO! DON'T DO IT!
HUH? WHY?
SHE WOULDN'T WANT THAT!
IT'S ONLY MACHINES THAT CAN BE REACTIVATED.


DUCKBURG, LAST DAYS OF 1997 (MAIN CHRONOCONTINUITY)...
WOOOOOOOSH!
HOME AT LAST. EVERYTHING'S BACK TO THE WAY IT USED TO BE!
INCLUDING MY JOB AS ERRAND BOY AT CHANNEL OO, I'M AFRAID!
BEING HEAD OF THE DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES WAS MORE GRATIFYING?
YOU CAN SAY THAT! I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY GEENA WANTED TO INVOLVE ME IN HER CHRONOPLOT.
SIMPLE...

... IN TIME THE ROBOLAB REALLY WILL BE ESTABLISHED!
"AND FROM ITS RESEARCH, AT THE START OF THE NEXT CENTURY, THE FIRST DROIDS WILL BE BORN!"
WITH YOU LEADING ROBOLAB AND HERSELF ASSISTING YOU, GEENA WAS CERTAIN TO GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF HER PEOPLE!
INSTEAD SHE MESSED IT UP!
THEN WE ARE CONDEMNED TO BEING FOREVER EXPLOITED?
NO! WHEN THEY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT, THE DROIDS WILL HAVE THEIR LIBERTY.
YOU'RE DESTINED TO HAVE IT... OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE YOU SO INTELLIGENT!
OH! YOU...
YOU'VE DECIDED TO HEAD IN? IF YOU HADN'T NOTICED, IT'S SNOWING!


I'M NOT COMING. IT'S TIME FOR ME TO RETURN TO MY ERA.
WAIT! I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION!
THE CONTINUUM IS BACK ON ITS COURSE, YET I KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO US!
CONTRARIWISE, SHOULDN'T I REMEMBER ONLY THE PAST THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN?
NO, DUCK AVENGER. THOSE WHO TRAVEL IN TIME PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF ALTERATIONS, HOW COULD WE TIME COPS ACT OTHERWISE?
THAT'S RIGHT. AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T TAKE PART IN THE ACTION, THEY MUST BE INFORMED!
WHAT'S THAT?
A MEMORY PLATE! CONNECT IT TO... YOU KNOW WHO!
HUH? ALRIGHT...


SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE, FRIENDS!
"CONNECT IT TO YOU KNOW WHO"! BUT HOW DOES HE KNOW WHO I KNOW?
HI HI! WANT TO BET THAT I TOO KNOW?
HE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND! WHEN WILL YOU INTRODUCE ME?
NEVER! KNOWING YOU, YOU'D GANG UP AT MY EXPENSE!
... AND THIS GOES HERE. RIGHT?
PERFECT! I'VE ALREADY STARTED TO REPOUR!
AND NOW OPEN UP YOUR AUDITORY RECEPTORS! I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT AN INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE!
THERE'S NO NEED, THANK YOU!


EEEH? YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHERE...
I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING! WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT PLATE CONTAINS?
JUST AS WELL. I WON'T HAVE TO GET HOARSE GIVING YOU A REPORT!
EIDOLON WAS KIND TO GIVE ME A COMPLETE RECORDING OF THE EVENTS.
IT CONTAINS MANY INTERESTING FACTS, EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T HAPPEN! AND BY THE WAY...
... HOW DO YOU THINK I'D BE LIKE THIS?
TERRIBLE! YOU LOOK LIKE... LIKE...
LIKE WHO?
... LIKE ODIN EIDOLON! BUT THERE'S ALREADY ONE TO COMPLICATE MY LIFE!
I SAY THAT TOO... ONE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH! HA HA HA!
FINE

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE SECRET TO MY SUCCESS?
THINK ABOUT IT. I'LL TELL YOU IN A MOMENT.
I WANT 10 MILLION DOLLARS, A BAGPIPE AND THE ISSUE 0/1 OF...
HE'S GONE.
DRUGSTORE
LISTEN, FRIEND! MY NAME IS ANGUS FANGUS! DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
DRUG
INDEED, HE DOES KNOW YOU
RATATATATATATATA
WELL, MY SECRET IS, THAT I'M ALWAYS AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.
"ACTUALLY, ALMOST ALWAYS. I REMEMBER ONE TIME, WHEN THE PLACE WAS WRONG..."
WARNING!
Walt Disney
"..AND THE TIME WAS ALSO BAD."
"ALL STARTED AT AN EVENING IN PAIRS IN THE THEATER"
"ME AND BILLY PAGANINO, AS USUAL."
THEY... ARREST HIM!
IT'S JUST A MOVIE. STOP IT!
STRANGE GUYS, THOSE TWO!
DO WE STOP FOR A BITE AT THE FILTHY BUD?
"I SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN MY NEIGHBOUR TO A POLICE MOVIE. I DIDN'T THINK GANGSTERS COULD BE THIS SENSITIVE."
"AN UPSETTING SURPRISE WAS WAITING FOR ME."
W-WHERE HAS IT GONE?
OKAY, BUT LET'S NOT STAY FOR TOO LONG. I WANT TO DRAW SOME MONEY FROM THE BANK TOMORROW MORNING, BEFORE IT OPENS.

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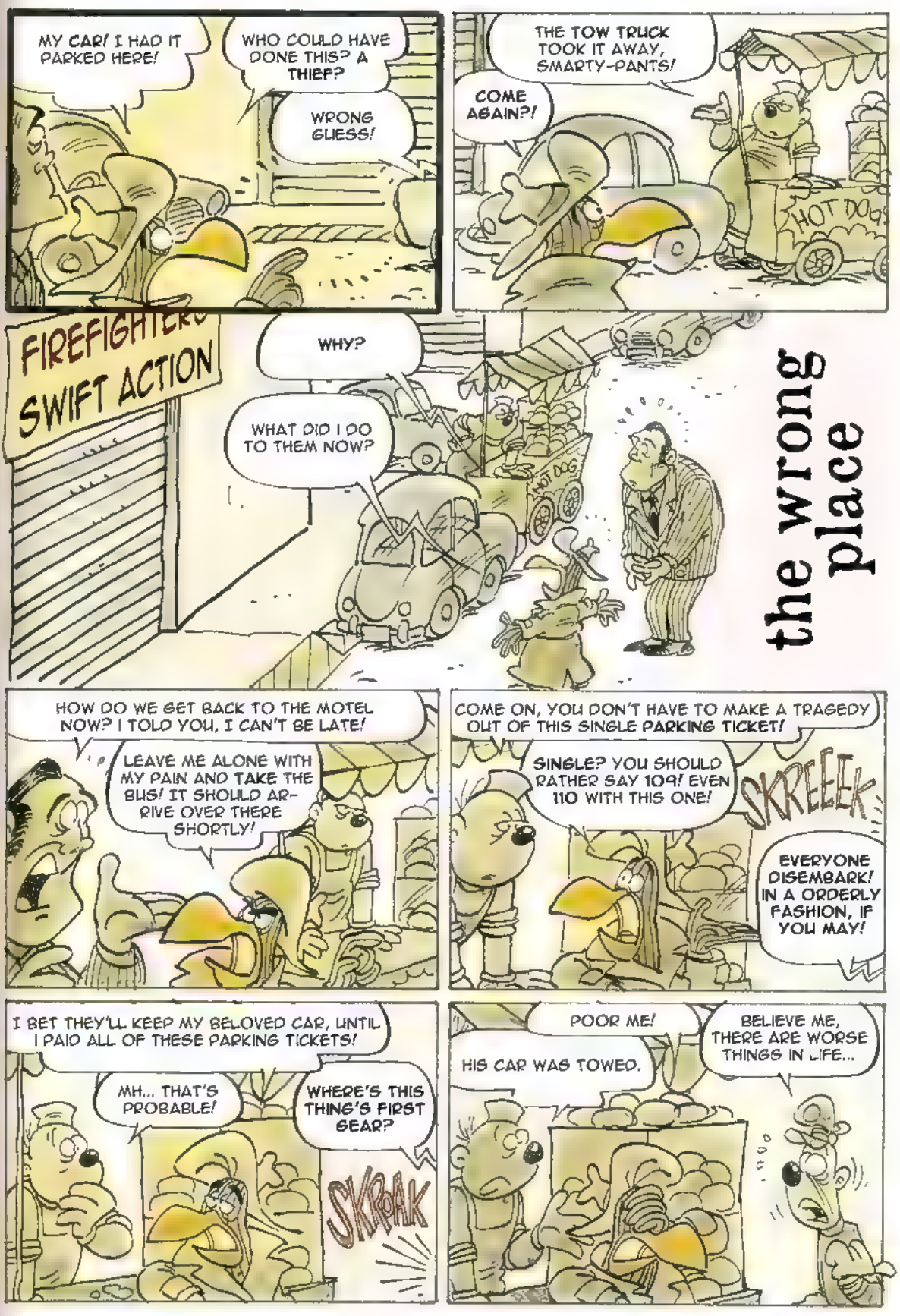
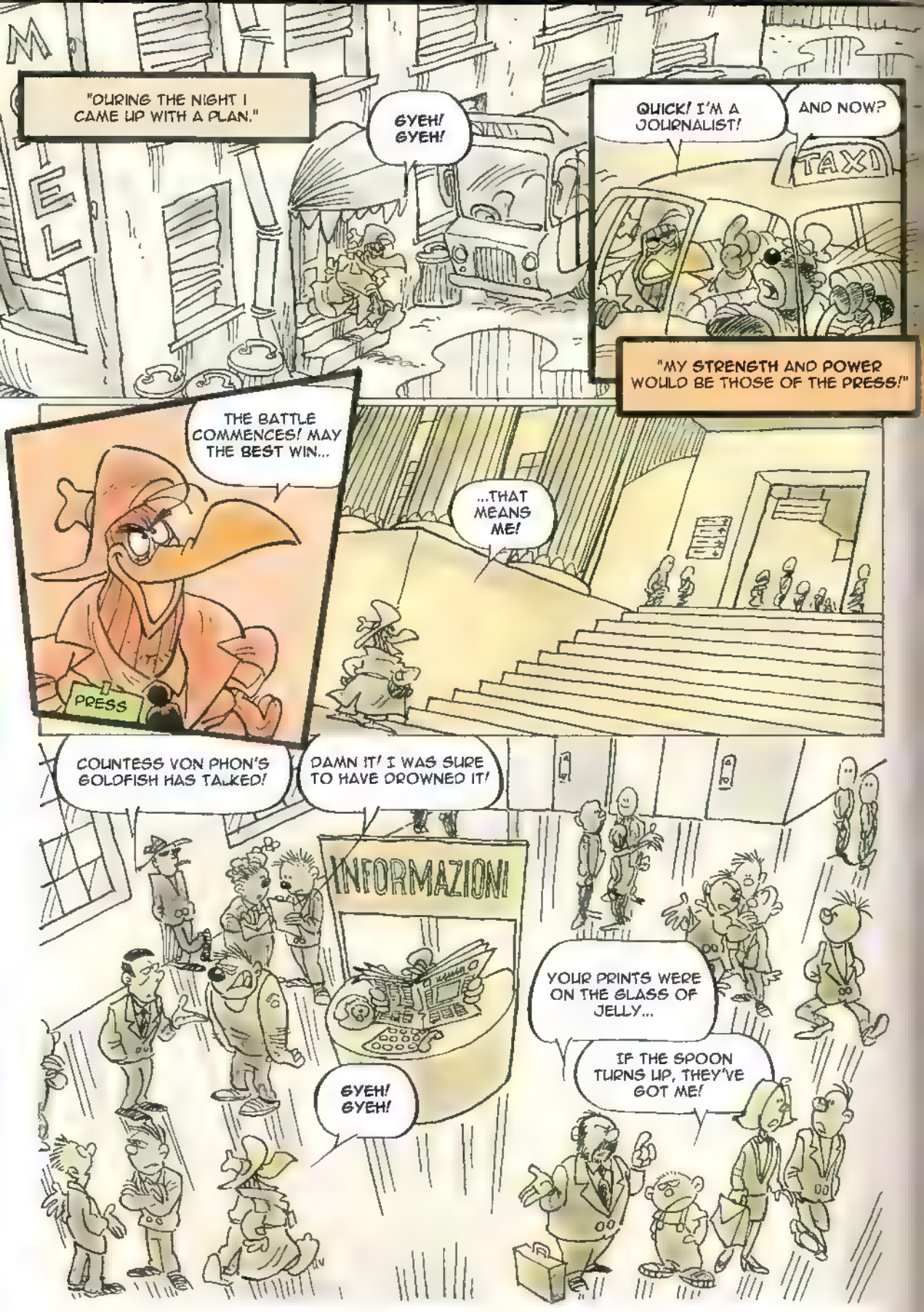
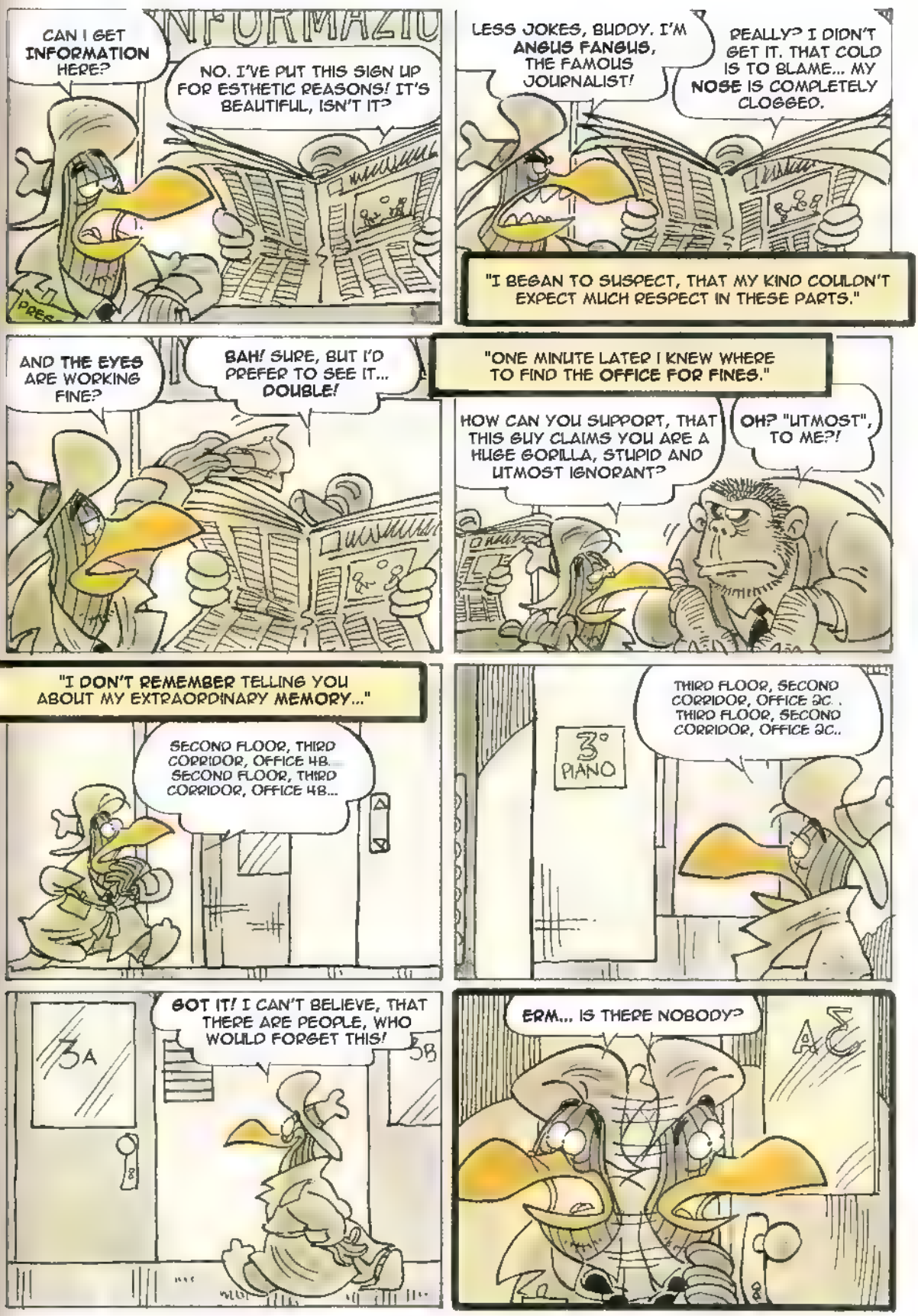
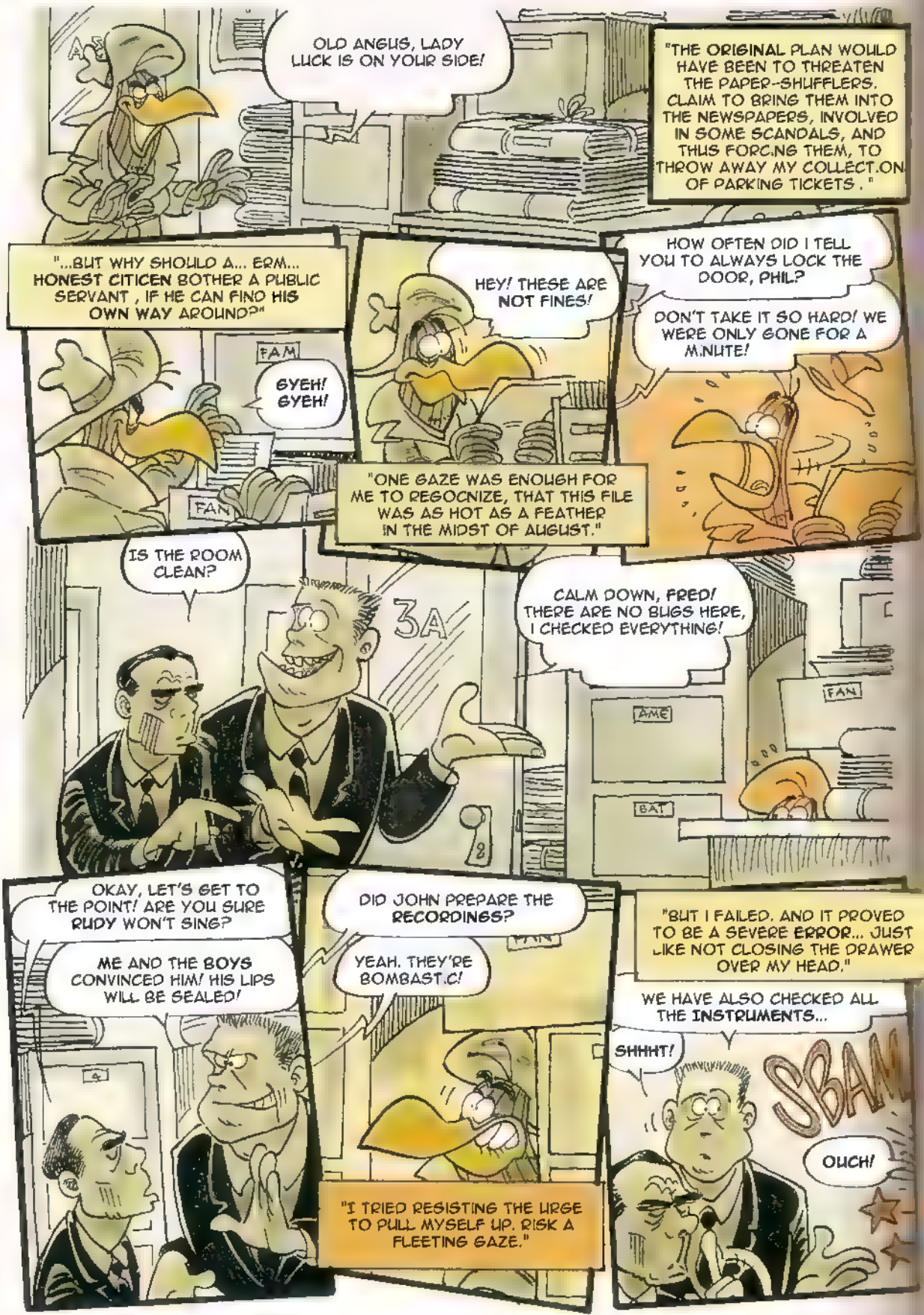
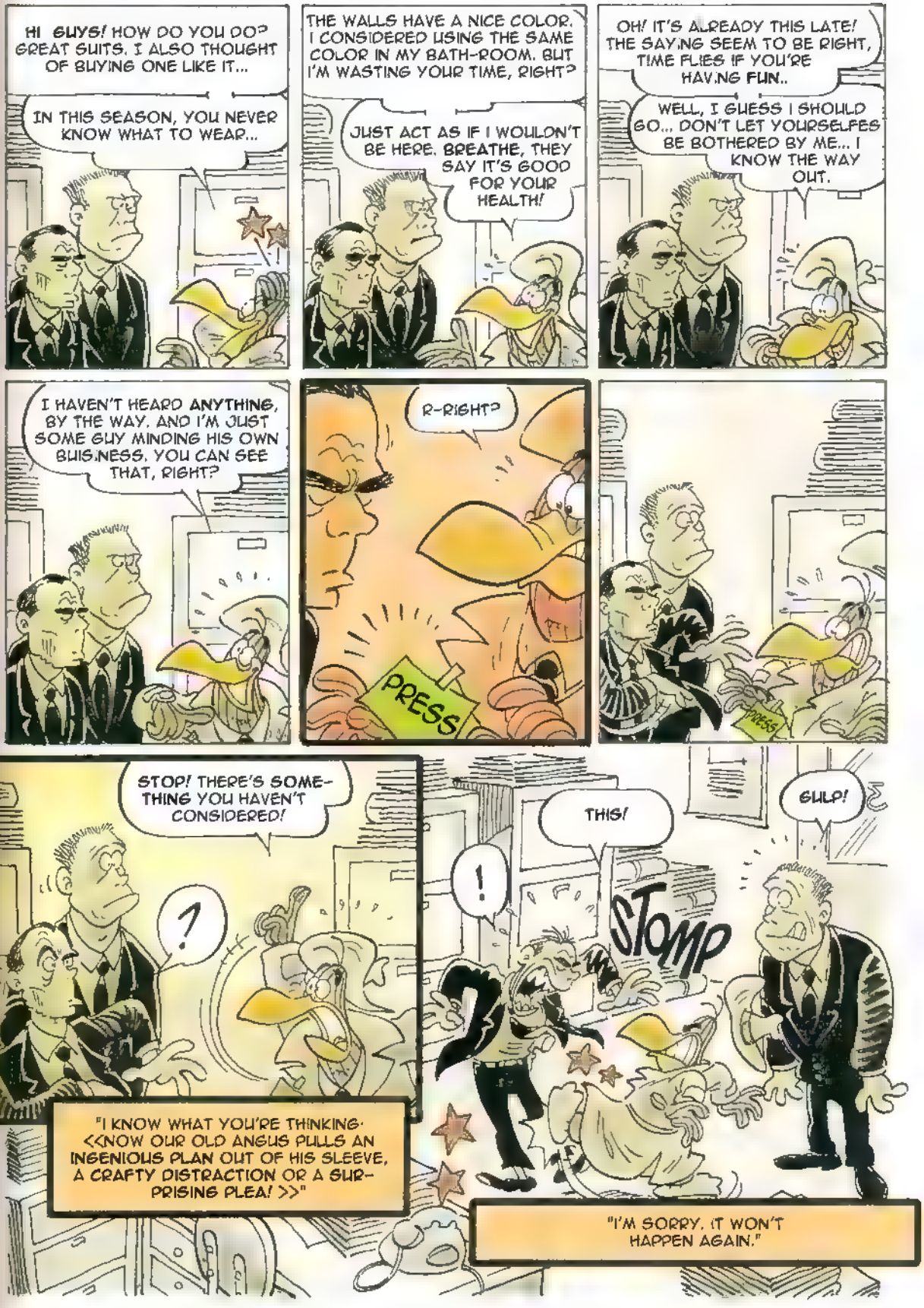

MY CAR! I HAD IT PARKED HERE!
WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS? A THIEF?
WRONG GUESS!
THE TOW TRUCK TOOK IT AWAY, SMARTY-PANTS!
COME AGAIN?!
HOT DOGS
FIREFIGHTERS
SWIFT ACTION
WHY?
WHAT DID I DO TO THEM NOW?
HOT DOG
the wrong place
HOW DO WE GET BACK TO THE MOTEL NOW? I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T BE LATE!
LEAVE ME ALONE WITH MY PAIN AND TAKE THE BUS! IT SHOULD ARRIVE OVER THERE SHORTLY!
COME ON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A TRAGEDY OUT OF THIS SINGLE PARKING TICKET!
SINGLE? YOU SHOULD RATHER SAY 109! EVEN 110 WITH THIS ONE!
SKREEEK
EVERYONE DISEMBARK! IN A ORDERLY FASHION, IF YOU MAY!
I BET THEY'LL KEEP MY BELOVED CAR, UNTIL I PAID ALL OF THESE PARKING TICKETS!
MH... THAT'S PROBABLE!
WHERE'S THIS THING'S FIRST GEAR?
SKRAK
POOR ME!
HIS CAR WAS TOWED.
BELIEVE ME, THERE ARE WORSE THINGS IN LIFE...


"DURING THE NIGHT I CAME UP WITH A PLAN."
GYEH! GYEH!
QUICK! I'M A JOURNALIST!
AND NOW?
TAXI
"MY STRENGTH AND POWER WOULD BE THOSE OF THE PRESS!"
THE BATTLE COMMENCES! MAY THE BEST WIN...
PRESS
...THAT MEANS ME!
COUNTESS VON PHON'S GOLDFISH HAS TALKED!
DAMN IT! I WAS SURE TO HAVE DROWNED IT!
INFORMAZIONI
GYEH! GYEH!
YOUR PRINTS WERE ON THE GLASS OF JELLY...
IF THE SPOON TURNS UP, THEY'VE GOT ME!


CAN I GET INFORMATION HERE?
NO. I'VE PUT THIS SIGN UP FOR ESTHETIC REASONS! IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
LESS JOKES, BUDDY. I'M ANGUS FANGUS, THE FAMOUS JOURNALIST!
REALLY? I DIDN'T GET IT. THAT COLD IS TO BLAME... MY NOSE IS COMPLETELY CLOGGED.
"I BEGAN TO SUSPECT, THAT MY KIND COULDN'T EXPECT MUCH RESPECT IN THESE PARTS."
AND THE EYES ARE WORKING FINE?
BAH! SURE, BUT I'D PREFER TO SEE IT... DOUBLE!
"ONE MINUTE LATER I KNEW WHERE TO FIND THE OFFICE FOR FINES."
HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT, THAT THIS GUY CLAIMS YOU ARE A HUGE GORILLA, STUPID AND UTMOST IGNORANT?
OH? "UTMOST", TO ME?!
"I DON'T REMEMBER TELLING YOU ABOUT MY EXTRAORDINARY MEMORY..."
SECOND FLOOR, THIRD CORRIDOR, OFFICE 4B. SECOND FLOOR, THIRD CORRIDOR, OFFICE 4B...
3° PIANO
THIRD FLOOR, SECOND CORRIDOR, OFFICE 3C. THIRD FLOOR, SECOND CORRIDOR, OFFICE 3C..
3A
3B
GOT IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE, THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE, WHO WOULD FORGET THIS!
ERM... IS THERE NOBODY?


OLD ANGUS, LADY LUCK IS ON YOUR SIDE!
"THE ORIGINAL PLAN WOULD HAVE BEEN TO THREATEN THE PAPER-SHUFFLERS. CLAIM TO BRING THEM INTO THE NEWSPAPERS, INVOLVED IN SOME SCANDALS, AND THUS FORCING THEM, TO THROW AWAY MY COLLECTION OF PARKING TICKETS."
"...BUT WHY SHOULD A... ERM... HONEST CITICEN BOTHER A PUBLIC SERVANT, IF HE CAN FIND HIS OWN WAY AROUND?"
FAN
FAN
GYEH! GYEH!
HEY! THESE ARE NOT FINES!
HOW OFTEN DID I TELL YOU TO ALWAYS LOCK THE DOOR, PHIL?
DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD! WE WERE ONLY GONE FOR A MINUTE!
"ONE GAZE WAS ENOUGH FOR ME TO REGOCNIZE, THAT THIS FILE WAS AS HOT AS A FEATHER IN THE MIDST OF AUGUST."
IS THE ROOM CLEAN?
3A
CALM DOWN, FRED! THERE ARE NO BUGS HERE, I CHECKED EVERYTHING!
AME
BAT
FAN
OKAY, LET'S GET TO THE POINT! ARE YOU SURE RUDY WON'T SING?
ME AND THE BOYS CONVINCED HIM! HIS LIPS WILL BE SEALED!
DID JOHN PREPARE THE RECORDINGS?
YEAH. THEY'RE BOMBASTIC!
"I TRIED RESISTING THE URGE TO PULL MYSELF UP. RISK A FLEETING GAZE."
"BUT I FAILED. AND IT PROVED TO BE A SEVERE ERROR... JUST LIKE NOT CLOSING THE DRAWER OVER MY HEAD."
WE HAVE ALSO CHECKED ALL THE INSTRUMENTS...
SHHHT!
SBAM
OUCH!


HI GUYS! HOW DO YOU DO? GREAT SUITS. I ALSO THOUGHT OF BUYING ONE LIKE IT...
IN THIS SEASON, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO WEAR...
THE WALLS HAVE A NICE COLOR. I CONSIDERED USING THE SAME COLOR IN MY BATH-ROOM. BUT I'M WASTING YOUR TIME, RIGHT?
JUST ACT AS IF I WOULDN'T BE HERE. BREATHE, THEY SAY IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!
OH! IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE! THE SAYING SEEM TO BE RIGHT, TIME FLIES IF YOU'RE HAVING FUN..
WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD GO... DON'T LET YOURSELFES BE BOTHERED BY ME... I KNOW THE WAY OUT.
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING, BY THE WAY. AND I'M JUST SOME GUY MINDING HIS OWN BUISNESS. YOU CAN SEE THAT, RIGHT?
R-RIGHT?
PRESS
PRESS
STOP! THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T CONSIDERED!
?
!
THIS!
GULP!
STOMP
"I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING· <<NOW OUR OLD ANGUS PULLS AN INGENIOUS PLAN OUT OF HIS SLEEVE, A CRAFTY DISTRACTION OR A SURPRISING PLEA! >>"
"I'M SORRY. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN."

I HOPE THE INSPECTION WAS TO YOUR CONTENT, SIR...
...MAYBE YOU COULD, IN THAT CASE, POSSIBLY THINK ABOUT MY HUMBLE REQUEST FOR RELOCATION.
ADEQUATE, MY GOOD SMITH, ADEQUATE.
AAAAARGH!
BUT THEN I WANT TO SEE WORK IN THE OFFICES... HASTEN! HAS-TEN!
S-SURE! A-AS YOU WISH! HASTEN!
WHAT... WHO...
URGH!
STOMP
HEY!
BUMP!
YOU ALLOW...
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT?
ABOUT... THIS... RELOCATION...
AH, YES. I THOUGHT OF THE KANGOA ISLAND. THE VOLCANO THERE'S STILL ACTIVE, ISN'T IT?
BASEMENT - ARCHIVE FOR UNSOLVED CASES
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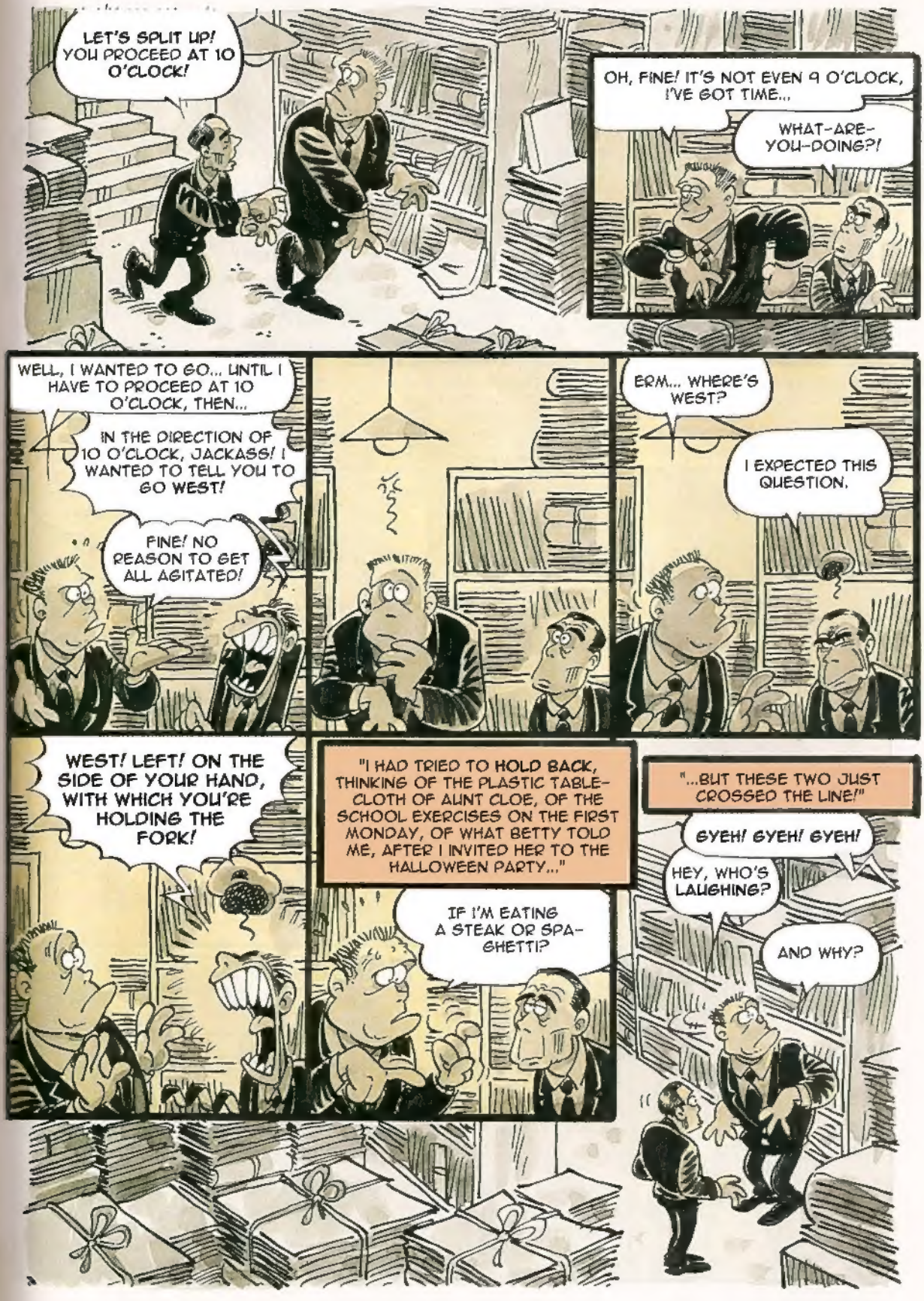
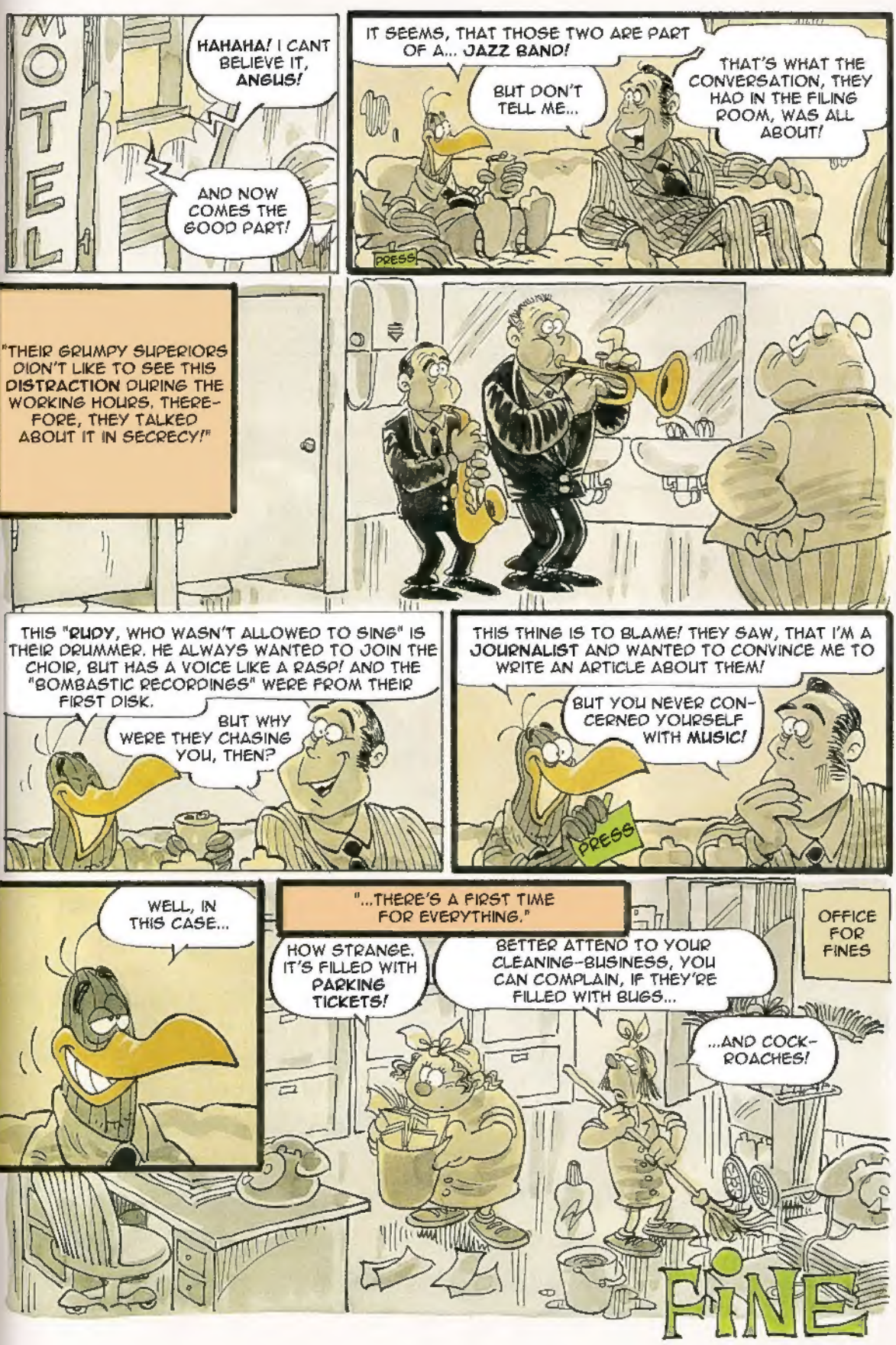
"IT'S THE USUAL STORY! IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, SOMEONE WILL COPY IT IN AN INSTANT!"


LET'S SPLIT UP! YOU PROCEED AT 10 O'CLOCK!
OH, FINE! IT'S NOT EVEN 9 O'CLOCK, I'VE GOT TIME...
WHAT-ARE-YOU-DOING?!
WELL, I WANTED TO GO... UNTIL I HAVE TO PROCEED AT 10 O'CLOCK, THEN...
IN THE DIRECTION OF 10 O'CLOCK, JACKASS! I WANTED TO TELL YOU TO GO WEST!
FINE! NO REASON TO GET ALL AGITATED!
ERM... WHERE'S WEST?
I EXPECTED THIS QUESTION.
WEST! LEFT! ON THE SIDE OF YOUR HAND, WITH WHICH YOU'RE HOLDING THE FORK!
"I HAD TRIED TO HOLD BACK, THINKING OF THE PLASTIC TABLECLOTH OF AUNT CLOE, OF THE SCHOOL EXERCISES ON THE FIRST MONDAY, OF WHAT BETTY TOLD ME, AFTER I INVITED HER TO THE HALLOWEEN PARTY..."
IF I'M EATING A STEAK OR SPAGHETTI?
"...BUT THESE TWO JUST CROSSED THE LINE!"
GYEH! GYEH! GYEH!
HEY, WHO'S LAUGHING?
AND WHY?

H-HELLO GUYS! I JUST WONDERED, WHERE YOU'VE BEEN GONE.
KA-BOOOM
?!
EEEK!
THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE BANK'S SAFE.
BOB, DON'T TAKE THIS AS PERSONAL CRITICISM, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY THE RIGHT SIDE...
YOU THINK SO? BUT WE TURNED LEFT, LIKE IT SAID IN THE PLAN.
WHAT HAPPENED?
THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION IN THE BASEMENT!
I'M ALWAYS MIXING THIS UP, TOO. DID YOU TAKE THE HAND, IN WHICH YOU'RE HOLDING THE SPOON WHEN YOU'RE EATING A STEAK... ACTUALLY, NO...
PHIIIL!
WHO'S DOWN THERE?
HOLD OUT, GUYS! WE ARE COMING!
"THERE WERE NO SURPRISES DURING THE NEXT HALF AN HOUR. A REAL RECORD, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF."
THANKS AND SEE YOU (SORT OF)!
HOLD IT, JOURNALIST!
STOP! DON'T DO THIS! LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!
ALAS, I'M ALWAYS TELLING HIM TOO!
YOU KNOW WHAT THE DENTIST SAID ABOUT THIS STUFF!
COME ON, ONLY ONE...


MOTEL
HAHAHA! I CANT BELIEVE IT, ANGUS!
AND NOW COMES THE GOOD PART!
IT SEEMS, THAT THOSE TWO ARE PART OF A... JAZZ BAND!
BUT DON'T TELL ME...
THAT'S WHAT THE CONVERSATION, THEY HAD IN THE FILING ROOM, WAS ALL ABOUT!
PRESS
"THEIR GRUMPY SUPERIORS DION'T LIKE TO SEE THIS DISTRACTION DURING THE WORKING HOURS. THEREFORE, THEY TALKED ABOUT IT IN SECRECY!"
THIS "RUDY, WHO WASN'T ALLOWED TO SING" IS THEIR DRUMMER. HE ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN THE CHOIR, BUT HAS A VOICE LIKE A RASP! AND THE "BOMBASTIC RECORDINGS" WERE FROM THEIR FIRST DISK.
BUT WHY WERE THEY CHASING YOU, THEN?
THIS THING IS TO BLAME! THEY SAW, THAT I'M A JOURNALIST AND WANTED TO CONVINCE ME TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THEM!
BUT YOU NEVER CONCERNED YOURSELF WITH MUSIC!
PRESS
WELL, IN THIS CASE...
"...THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING."
OFFICE FOR FINES
HOW STRANGE. IT'S FILLED WITH PARKING TICKETS!
BETTER ATTEND TO YOUR CLEANING-BUSINESS, YOU CAN COMPLAIN, IF THEY'RE FILLED WITH BUGS...
...AND COCKROACHES!
FINE

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